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Meeting of Elders and Overseers

On May 22, 1949 the Elders and Overseers met at the church at 3:30 P.M. to organize and outline specific duties for each group. Mr. Johannaber presided. It was decided to meet at least every three months or to notify the clerk if a meeting should be held more often.

The Overseers were specified to be trustees of the property. The Elders to be councillors with the ministry to call ministers with approval of the monthly meeting, to approve new members, to be responsible for state of society report, to visit new members and prepare a prospective list, to encourage various committees of the church and to see that members be transferred in or out according to their desires.

Corinna and Chet Gifford were chosen to meet with Mr Johannaber to go over the list of members in the various sections of the town and choose captains for each village so that sick members and those in need of attention be looked after properly.

Mr Johannaber closed the meeting with the reading of several quotations from the Yearly Meeting booklet

E. Chichester
asst. Clerk

On Sept. 11, 1949 the Elders and Overseers met at the church at 3:00 P.M. to revise the membership list of the Church to find out inactive members and also those definitely affiliated with other churches. Edward Macomber was chosen clerk of this meeting. The complete list was considered and Earl Wood and Mr Johannaber were chosen to compose letters to be sent to the various members to find out their reaction on support of the Church.

The question of members who have been associate members while children and have reached the age of 21 and lost interest in the church was to be brought before the Monthly Meeting.

Delegates to the Ministry and Council for the Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich the 2nd. Sat. in October were Earl Wood and Sophia Hawkes. It was decided that the clerk of this group call meetings regularly every three months or more often if notified. With no further business the meeting closed.

Elvira Chichester, Sec.

On March 26, 1950 the Elders and Overseers' of the Church met in the church for a business Meeting Nine members were present. May Pettey and Corinna Gifford were re-appointed for the next three years.

Mr Johannaber reported on letters written to non-resident members as to whether or not they wished their names held on the church roll. Mrs Tilton's name was removed since she requested same. It was voted to write Mrs Elmer Steinmetz a letter to cover assessment dues. James Wilcock's name was released by request and also Mrs Raymond Dorwald's. It was voted to keep Everett Pettey's and Ina Mae Moreland's on the list. Raymond A. Wood's name was released by request but Louise B. Tripp's was kept on the roll at her request. To the members who had not replied to the letters it was voted to send letters to them to notify them that they would be dropped after June 1st if no response was received.

Elvira Chichester, Sec.

On November 17, 1950 previous to the Monthly Meeting of the Church a meeting of the Elders and Overseers met to try to work out the membership list by a follow-up letter explaining that the former letters were sent out with a wrong impression. The matter was held over for the next meeting

Elvira Chichester
Sec.

On the afternoon of April 8, 1951 a meeting of Ministry and Council met at the home of Mrs John Davis. The meeting opened with a prayer by Mr. Hill The list of members of the meeting was looked over to decide which ones should have cards sent to them concerning their membership and those for the pastor to call on. A letter from Russell Brooks was read asking our meeting to do just that. Mrs Yeoman's name was brought up since she desires to become a member. When she sends the application her name will be voted o

A very interesting report of the work our meeting has done was read by Alice Macomber, It was voted to send this report to families connected with the church so they would know about our work and to ask them to attend the church services.

With no further business the meeting closed.

Elvira Chichester, Sec.

A special meeting of Elders and Overseers met to make a decision about a nursery for the small children during Church services. It was decided to contact two members each Sunday to take over.

Mr Jones also suggested for any members who had suggestions about his sermons to bring it up at the meeting.

Elvira Chichester
Sec.

A Special meeting of Elders and Overseers was held to greet Mr and Mrs Vaphiadas as members of our church and Peter, their son, be an associate member. Mr and Mrs Milton Borden were also received as members. It was suggested we pay Edward Sharples $10.00 for his substituting for Mr Jones when he was away on Sunday.

Elvira Chichester
Sec.

On June 14, 1952 the Elders and Overseers met at the church and approved the acceptance of Dr Le Bean and family and Virginia Wood and family to our meeting. The date of becoming members was left to Mr Jones as it was possible some other families might be contacted to join.

Elvira Chichester
Sec.

A meeting of the Elders and Overseers met at the parsonage at 8:00 P.M. Dec. 12, 1952. Elvira Chichester was chosen as clerk of the meeting which will be held every Friday night on the second week of each month. Representatives to the next Quarterly meeting were chosen as follows: Mrs Corinna Gifford and Mr and Mrs Robert Gifford. It was decided to drop two inactive members of the ministry and Council Group. Dr LePreau and Lloyd Brightman were chosen to fill these places.

A motion was made to have a committee appointed to contact non-resident members also to ask the nominating committee for the year to put only active members in office.

A request of Gloria Buhl was read to hold her wedding in the Friends Meeting. It was decided that the clerk write a note to the Monthly meeting to approve of such an action. The suggestion of members of the Men's + Woman's Clubs to take over church services occasionally was left over until the next meeting. The meeting closed with Queries for Elders + Overseers.

Elvira Chichester
Clerk

Meeting of the Committee on Ministry and Cousel held at the parsonage on the evening of Jan. 15, 1953.

Since the last Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Cousel at New Bedford had not received a notice of the names of the delegates from our meeting, it was decided that in the future the names of our delegates should be sent to Mrs Alice Howland Macomber.

Dorothy Smith, May Pettey and Elvira Chichester were named as a Committee to prepare a report on the state of the society to be sent to the next Quarterly Meeting.

This Meeting expressed its approval of the changes (in the direction of simplification) which have been made in our regular Sunday morning worship services.

George Jones announced the starting of a Young People's Group. This meeting agreed that this was a worthwhile undertakin

The matter of keeping in touch with the non-resident members of the Meeting was discussed. Dorothy Smith offered her services for addressing letters to non-resident members when such letters were to be sent out.

The matter of habitual tardiness in beginning the meeting of worship was considered. It was agreed that this was a condition that ought not to exist. The members of this meeting resolved that we should personally make efforts to correct this condition.

As for the matter of the Men's Club's conducting our worship services from time to time it was decided, after considerable discussion, that once a year would be often enough. It was further agreed that we would wait to hear a further request before we extended the invitation.

Respectfully submitted,
George Jones
by Elvira Chichester
Clerk

At a meeting of the Committee on Ministry and Council held at the parsonage on the evening of February 14, 1953:

The minutes from our last meeting were read and approved after we had made a modification or two and eliminated an item or two which we felt would not need to stand in our permanent record.

Letters requesting membership or oral requests were received from the following persons:

Janie B. Smith
Chester Gifford } active members
Sidney Pierce
Edity Pierce
and
Bonnie and Sidney Pierce, Jr. as associate members

These names met with the approval of all those who were present at this meeting and we agreed to submit these names to the Monthly Meeting

Respectfully submitted
George Jones,

A meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held Mar. 14, 1953 in the Parsonage. It was decided at the present time to let the individuals assume responsibilities of refreshments for the Young People's Group which has just been started.

The question of transportation for this group was brought up but Mr Jones said he would hold that position for the time being.

A very good report of the state of Society was read which had been written by Dorothy Smith, who was chairman of that committee. This report was to be sent in to the Quarterly meeting to be held in New Bedford Apr. 11, 1953. Robert Gifford, Eugenia Gifford and Elvira Chichester were later appointed as delegates to that meeting from this group.

A discussion followed concerning the present relationship between the church and the Woman's Community club but since circumstances was unknown to most members present no definite move was taken

Respectfully submitted

Elvira Chichester Cler

The meeting of Ministry and Council was held in the parsonage on May 16 1953. No meeting was held in April since only three members were present at that time. It was decided at this meeting to let the refreshment situation stand as it is in regards to the Young Young People's Group.

A discussion followed as to the finances in the Sunday School and it was decided to inquire into the situation to see if the Sunday School could be of more assistance financially.

A substitute speaker for the Sunday service following this meeting was approved.

A recommendation for George Jones to continue his services with our church was approved since we are very grateful to have him with us and we have great confidence in his work with us

Respectfully submitted
Elvira Chichester, clerk

A special meeting was called to appoint Corinna Gifford and Alice Macbride as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting.

A meeting of Ministry and Council was held Aug. 15, 1953 in the parsonage. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr Jones discussed the question of the spiritual state of our group hoping we could bring our meeting in better conditions. The lack of the younger group was brought to our attention. It was suggested that Mr Jones go thru the list of names of associate members over 21 and members of the meeting would contact those members to see if they wished to become active members. If not, to drop their names from the list.

Mr Jones also reported that the young group had held meetings all summer and had done a fine job with their meetings. It was suggested that members of this group take care of their own refreshments from now on.

The suggestion of starting another younger group of members was approved and would probably be taken care of in September.

Resp. submitted.

Elvira Chichester, clerk.

A meeting of Ministry & Council was held Nov. 14, 1953 in the parsonage with five members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mae Pettey reported that Everett Pettey had been consulted and asked his name to be dropped from our list of members for the time being. Names of other members of the associate members over 21 were given out to different members of our group to ~~to~~ contact them and see what decision they would make.

It was reported that the Younger Friend's Group had been organized with 12 present at the first meeting and 9 at the second. Frances Howland was helping with this group.

The Senior Young Friend's attendance was reported to be 14 or 15 each time, and new people were being encouraged to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Elvira Chichester,
Clerk

The Meeting of Ministry and Council met December 18, 1953 at the parsonage with eight members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with the exception of one slight change.

Mr Jones announced he is sending Christmas cards to the members of the meeting. The question of lights for the church during the Christmas Season came up and the clerk of this meeting was asked to call Mahlon Curtis to have him install the lights.

It was decided by Mr Jones and the meeting for him not to furnish transportation for the children of the Young Friends Group. Lloyd Brightman was to announce this in Sunday School. $15.00 was decided to be donated from the meeting for Mr Jones to use as needed for the refreshments for the Groups of Young Friends. A call for a report from Monthly Meeting was to be made on the projector. Also an officers list was to be formed by the Monthly meeting for the coming year.

Resp. Submitted
Elvira Chichester
Clerk

At a Special Meeting of the Ministry and Council Sophia Hawkes and Corinna Gifford were chosen as delegates to the Quarterly Meeting

Elsia Chichester, Clerk.

On March 20, 1954 the meeting of Ministry and Council met at the parsonage with seven members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A report of our State of Society to go to the next Quarterly meeting was to be written up by Dr. Le Preau and Mr Pierce.

Mr Jones gave a very good report on the Choir and stated that the Adult Study Group was meeting again and also that the two Young People's Groups were holding helpful meeting as usual. Mr Jones suggested the chance of our having a Harvard Divinity Student to come down to work with these young folks. This was to be considered.

The Finance Committee was to Study with Mr Jones for money for these young groups.

It was suggested we choose someone to send publicity to the papers for meetings of our groups. It was also approved that insurance should be placed on our projector and equipment.

Respectfully submitted.
Elvira Chichester
Clerk

At a Special Meeting of the Ministry and Council Robert and eugenia Gifford were chosen as delegates to the Quarterly Meeting of April 10, 1954

Elvira O. Chichester
Clerk

A meeting of Ministry + Council met May 14, 1954 in the Church with 8 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. We all agreed to have Mr Jones with us another year after his contract expires on May 31st. The problem of funds to help his transportation was to be considered. Sophia Hawes reported that Marianna Macomber would write to see if funds from the Sarah Swift and Elidyer Brown funds were available to help us.
With no further business the meeting closed.

Elvira Chichester,
Clerk.

On Oct. 22, 1954 an important meeting of Ministry & Council met at the parsonage with ten members present. The question of the life of our meeting was discussed. It had been noted that the congregation on Sundays had dropped off quite a bit. The suggestion that a club was about to be formed was brought up. Announcement of the conference to be held Oct. 31st in the meeting house was made and all members were urged to attend

With no further business the meeting closed. Elvira Chichester, Clerk

On Nov. 22, 1954 the Ministry & Council met at Dorothy Smith's with ten members present. The reports of the last two meetings were read and approved.

Mr Jones read the suggestions for our meeting to try out to get more members and non-members interested in coming to church regularly. It was suggested a pot-luck dinner be served some Sunday after church as a Family Sunday get-together.

It was approved to have the Christmas letters sent out this year together with the calendars.

The unprogram meeting was rejected but we approved having Seniors to have charge of the service once a year. Discussion Sunday was not approved in the worship service.

A suggestion of having a Catholic preach some Sunday was approved.

Mr Jones' vacation for over

Christmas was approved and he would attempt to get someone to fill in during that time.

With no further business the meeting closed.

Elvira Chichester
Clerk.

At a special meeting Sophia Hawkes and Sydney Pierce were chosen as delegates to the Quarterly meeting in New Bedford on Jan. 8, 1955.

A meeting of Ministry + Council met Sunday, March 6, 1955 at the Macomber's Home with five members present.

Mr Jones + Sydney Pierce agreed to write the State of Society report to be passed on to the regular monthly meeting in March. The work among the Younger Groups of the church was discussed.

Everyone was in favor of having George Jones to be a member of our Church so that he could perform all the duties in the church. It was suggested that regular monthly news be sent out by letters to our members.

Marianna Macomber promised to prepare a memorial for Corinna Gifford for the next monthly meeting. A contact with associate members of our church was to be brought up at the next meeting.

Resp. submitted, Elvira
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A Special Meeting of Ministry + Council met Sunday May 22, 1955 to approve having George Jones as our minister for the coming year

On Sept. 16, 1955 the Ministry & Council met at the parsonage with six members present. It was suggested that associate members be contacted to see if they wished to become regular members of our church.

At the next monthly meeting it was to be reported that action was to be started to record George Jones as a minister. The clerk was to send a letter to the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting reporting same.

The Young People's Group was discussed and it was suggested that Dorothy Smith contact Edward Sharples to see if he would lead the group in their activities.

The sending of news letters to members was to be brought up at the Monthly Meeting. Since we have lost several members of the Ministry & Council it was suggested we ask Mr Hudson to fill in for a vacancy. Discussion on the organ and refugee family project followed. With no further business the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,
Elvira Chichester, clerk.

On December 14, 1955 the Ministry & Council met at the parsonage with four members present. It was suggested that we ask Arthur Tripp Jr. and Henry Hudson to serve on this council.

It was decided that the usual Christmas letters be sent by George Jones. We recommended that James Pilkington be a member of the Church. All approved of George Jones having Sunday Jan. 1st off and a substitute speaker would be contacted to serve in his place.

No Sunday School on Christmas Day was approved and to stress a family service in the church service. A discussion followed on talks by George Jones. With no further business the meeting closed.

Elvira Chrilester,
Clerk.

On Feb. 16, 1956 the Ministry & Council met at the parsonage with five members present. It was decided to report the following members to the monthly meeting:

Lynwood Potter to be taken off our list of members Everett Pettey to be a full member Virginia Payne to be dropped Hazel Borden to be dropped Nancy Smith to become a full member and Harold Wood to become a full member.

George Jones and Elvira Chichester were chosen as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting at Allen's Neck on April 14, 1956.

It was decided to try out a new plan for our meetings. This plan was to hold our meetings each month on the Sunday before monthly meeting after the church service.

George Jones suggested we start an adult study group in the church which could be held Sunday nights.

George Jones was chosen to prepare our State of Society report to be sent to the March Monthly Meeting. a discussion followed concerning Sunday School time and Church time to be arranged so no interference would come to the groups.

Respectfully submitted,
Elvira Chichester,
Sec.

On March 11, 1956 the Ministry + Council met at the church with six members present. It was suggested we speak to our new members to see if they would be interested in our meetings.

Pamphlets on Friends Ministry to Persons were given to our members. George Jones gave a very good report on the State of Society which would be prepared for the Monthly Meeting.

The Young Friend's Group, our new organ, our Refugee Family and new projects for the Sunday School were mentioned.

It was suggested our Adult Study Group start March 25th from 7:30 P.M. to 8:45 P.M.

With no further business the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted
Elvira Chichester
clerk

On May 13, 1956 the Ministry & Council met with seven members present. A report of non-active and associate members was given Dorothy Smith reported a gift of $5.00 from the former Belle Olivier. We decided to drop her name. Elbert Brownell wished to be dropped Edward Sharples was appointed to contact members who do not attend. New members were to be contacted by Dorothy Smith and Dr Le Breau.

Discussion followed to have George Jones next year. A special meeting was called Sunday evening when we all decided to have him for another year. In case he desired to leave we would ask him to furnish a name of someone who would fill in for him. However, we hoped this would not have to happen because we feel George Jones has done a lot for our Church and Community.

Respectfully submitted
Elvira Chichester,
Clerk

On June 3, 1956 a special meeting was called with eight members present. George Jones announced he was undecided whether to remain with our meeting or change over. Discussion followed favoring his stay with us but he said he would let us know in a week's time.

On June 28, 1956 the Ministry & Council met at the church with five members present: Jame Smith, Dorothy Smith George Jones Edward Sharpless and Elvira Chichester; Frances Howland also joined us.

A letter was recieved from the Johnson Family asking for membership of George, Ruth and Arthur and associate memberships of the children Andrew & Glen. All members greatly approved of their membership.

A discussion followed concerning the work camp for the Indians. It was undecided whether they could extend the time or not but reports would come later. George Jones would be away on July 8th and would have a guest speaker for that day.

Discussion followed concerning the youth Missionaries to come to our church giving reports of their work and slides

Respectfully submitted
Elvira Chichester
clerk

On Sept. 2, 1956 a meeting of ministry & Council was called after the church service. Six members were present, George Jones, Edward Sharples, Dorothy Smith, Dr Le Preau, Sophia Hawkes and Elvira Chichester.

George Jones brought up the subject of a number of members having no interest in our church any longer and suggested we hold a member's Day. We could send letters to them to try to get them interested again. It was also suggested we contact members to see if they were interested in the church.

We decided too to have members participate in the Sunday Services of our church. It was also suggested we hold Youth Sunday for Thanksgiving Day and to write non-resident members to see if we could see them at that time.

Respectfully submitted

Elvira Chichester
Clerk

On Oct. 14, 1956 a meeting of Ministry + Council was held following the church service. Seven members were present Jamie Smith, Sophia Hawkes, Dr. Le Brun, Edward Sharples, Dorothy Smith, George Jones and Elvira Chichester.

Ella Philpot and Edna Leworbuk wished to become members of our meeting to which we all gladly approved.

At a request of Dorothy Hathaway to try to enlist churches to help her run a private rest home we all decided it was not our concern.

Mr Jones suggested our having Rally Day and a family Sunday for Thanksgiving. Discussion followed concerning the Young Friend's Group. With no further business the meeting closed. Resp. submitted

Elvira Chichester, Clk

A Special meeting of Ministry + Council was held at Dorothy Smith's to contact members who are inactive + Non-resident. Each member was given a list of people to either write or visit to give them a report of our condition in our meeting.

On Nov. 11, 1956 five members of the Ministry & Council met at the church after the morning service. Henry Hudson, Dorothy Smith, Sophia Hawkes, George Jones and Elvira Chichester were the members present.

It seems the calling on members had done quite a bit of good as more people had been attending church services. Mabel Ball requested her name be dropped from our list which was approved.

A report by Claire Vaphiades + Winifred Sharples on a misunderstanding at the rummage sale by the Woman's Club was made. Mr Hudson said he would write letters to Claire and Winifred to try to clear up the matter. It was decided to suggest to the Monthly Meeting that committees and groups who wish to use the Community House call Frances Howland and make arrangements so to keep meetings in order. A letter was to be written to the President of the Woman's Club to try to straighten out matters with the Club and the Monthly Meeting

Resp. submitted, Elvira Chichester
Clerk

On Feb. 10, 1957 the meeting on Ministry + Council met after the church service with seven members present, Sophia Hawkes, Dorothy Smith, Franses Howland, George Jones, Janie Smith, Theresa Gifford and Elvira Chichester.

Mr Jones reported on dedication Sunday that 39 members were present but 41 Westport members were absent. It was suggested we go over the list at the next meeting which was to be held at 3 P.M. on the 2nd Sunday in March and at that time each member go over the list

It was approved to invite Mrs Hughes to be one of our members of the church and to ask Lilly Wood to become a member. It was also decided to ask Bruce Boodikian & Cynthia Law to become members and to ask the Allen twins to become associate members.

A discussion followed concerning an organist for Sunday services.

Frances Howland and Dorothy Smith said they would make out a report of Society to go to the March monthly meeting.

Mr Jones reported Westport teen agers were buying beer in Rhode Island and he would write to Senator Kefauver concerning this problem.

Resp. submitted
Elvira Chichester
Clerk.

On March 10, 1957 seven members of the Ministry and Council met at the home of Dorothy Smith's at 3:00 P.M. Those present were Dr Le Preau, Frances Howland, James Pilkington, George Jones, Sophia Hawkes, Dorothy Smith and Elvira Chichester.

Frances Howland read the State of Society report to go to the March Monthly Meeting. Dr. Lepreau, George Jones and James Pilkington were chosen as delegates to the Quarterly Meeting.

Discussion on our list of members followed. It was decided to contact the families of Sharples, Perry and Vapliades along with the finance committee to get them more interested in the Church.

A suggestion was made that on Sunday our group give friendly greeting to people attending church services.

Resp. submitted,

Elvira Chichester
Clerk

On April 14, 1957 seven Members of the Ministry & Council met after the church service. Those present were Dorothy Smith, Theresa Gifford, James Pilkington, Sophia Hawkes, George Jones, Jamie Smith and Elvira Chichester.

James Pilkington reported that Dr Le Brean had contacted Edward Sharpless and he suggested they better not contact his parents about the loss of interest in our church but to contact Barbara Sharples later, Mr Jones said he would contact the Perry family soon. Mr Pilkington reported on a meeting to encourage membership, marriage council, finance and visitation by members of the church and to try to encourage young people to come to our services.

Special music was suggested for Easter Sunday. It was decided to invite Milton Hadley to be our speaker early in May

With no further business the meeting closed.

Resp. Submitted
Elvira Chichester,
Clerk

On May 12, 1957 seven members of the Ministry + Council met after the church service. Those present were Sophia Hawkes Theresa Gifford, Jamie Smith, Dorothy Smith, Frances Howland, George Jones and Elvira Chichester.

Mr Jones reported on his visit with the Perry family which proved they had nothing against him personally.

It was decided to have our June meeting after the church service and contact all our members to be present. It was also suggested we ask all our members and friends to be here at the church service on May 19th to hear Milton Hadley.

A question came up about holding Sunday School and church services together. No discission was made. Discussion followed concerning summer projects and finance problems.

With no further business the meeting closed

Resp. submitted
Elvira Chichester

On June 9, 1957 the Ministry & Council met after the church service. Eight members were present, Theresa Gifford, Janie Smith, Dorothy Smith, Frances Howland, Sophia Hawkes, George Jones, Dr Le Preau and Elvira Chichester,

The question of membership of the Allen twins came up and all were in favor of receiving them as associate members. Mrs Clarke Whitney requested membership and we all approved of receiving her in our meeting.

Discussion followed on change of Sunday School time but that was put aside to be decided by the Sunday School members.

It was decided to have a sign put up in the church yard for our change of time for church service.

With no further business the meeting closed

Respectfully submitted,
Elvira Chichester, clerk

On August 11, 1957 the Ministry + Council met after the church service. Six members were present Dorothy Smith, Jimi Smith, Sophia Hawkes, Florence Howland, George Jones and Elwin Chichester.

George Jones reported his brother would be with him the following Sunday and we all approved of having him to substitute for George. George was also going to try to find substitutes for him while he was away for three weeks.

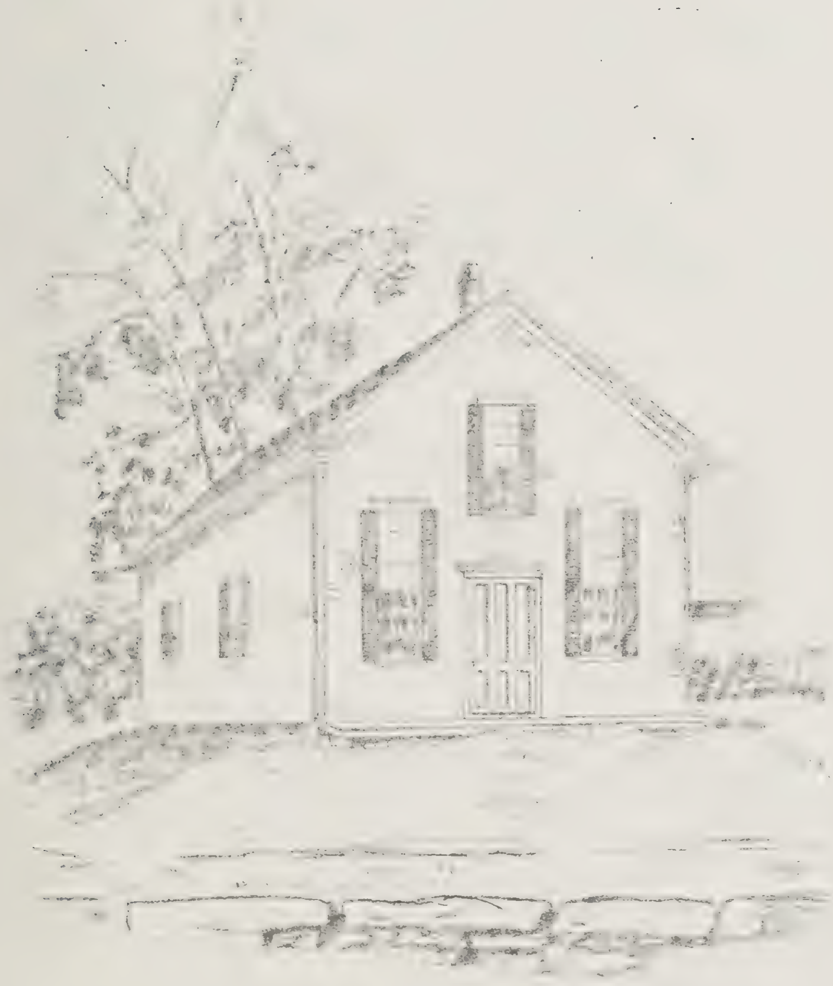
George reported that he is going with the second Sunday in September he was quite sure he was going to be with another church. [illegible] followed up this matter. They would tell him that no one blames him for accepting another pastorate.

With no further business the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted
Elwin Chichester, clerk

A special meeting of Ministry and Council met at Dr. Le Breen's home Sept. 4, 1957 with all members present - Jessie Smith, Dorothy Smith, Henry Hudson, Dr. Le Breen, James Pilkington, Elaine [illegible]. Discussion followed concerning who we could get to take George Jones' place as Minister. It was decided for the present to contact Paul Holland to ask him to fill in for the present. With no further business the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted
Elaine [illegible]



WESTPORT FRIENDS MEETING
Westport, Massachusetts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

.... the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

.... it defileth the whole body....

.... the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

James
Chapter 3
Verses 5 - 9

GOOD MORNING
TO ALL

WESTPORT FRIENDS MEETING

FIRST DAY

DECEMBER 14, 1969

ORGAN PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: #457 - "I Would be True"

SCRIPTURE READING: John: Chapter 15
Verses 12 - 17

MEDITATION

MESSAGE: Offered by Stewart Kirkaldy

REFLECTION

OFFERING

HYMN: #256 - "Love Divine, all Loves Excelling"

BENEDICTION: A Handshake

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

I Corinthians
Chapter 1
Verses 10 - 11

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CLERK:
Stewart Kirkaldy

STATISTICIAN:
Evelyn E. Weston

ORGANIST:
Theresa M. Gifford

MINISTRY & COUNSEL:
T. G. Denton
Frances A. Howland
withdrew – Charles A. Brightman
Ruth L. Howland
Eleanor Tripp
Charlotte Panunzio

TRUSTEES:
Dorothy W. Smith
Evelyn E. Weston
Theresa M. Gifford

AUDITOR:
Blanche L. Brackett

FLOWER COMMITTEE:
Eleanor Tripp
Ruth L. Howland

CUSTODIAN:
Milton E. Borden

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
John Zettlemoyer

RECORDING CLERK:
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SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT.
Charlotte Panunzio

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~~Jacqueline Calhoun~~
~~Mary Lou Denton~~
J.K.S. Kirkaldy

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:
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Chester A.Gifford
Milton E. Borden
Frances B.Kirkaldy

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On Jan. 16, 1958 a meeting of Ministry & Council met at the home of Dorothy Smith with six members present - Dorothy Smith, Janie Smith, Frances Howland, Theresa Gifford, Dr. Le Prean and Elvira Chichester.

Discussion followed concerning a new minister. It was decided to contact Mr. Selleck to see if he could get someone to come to substitute and we could decide later for a permanent minister.

A letter had been received from Louise Tripp asking to have her membership transferred to Allen's Neck Meeting. We all approved.

Janice Briggs had asked for use of the church for her wedding in February which we also approved.

With no further business the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted
Elvira Chichester
clerk

The meeting of Ministry and Counsel met in the church March 16, 1958 after the meeting with seven members present Frances Howland, Theresa Gifford, Dorothy Smith, Henry Hughes, James Pilkington, [illegible] Brown, Elaine [illegible], and Herbert Stevens. The question of a more formal program for our church service came up. It was decided to have more hymns for the service and James Pilkington was asked to have charge of selecting them. It was decided to have a meeting of the property committee to decide what we should do about the parsonage. This report would be brought to the monthly meeting.

Transportation question to and from Fall River for Mr. Johnson and schedule for his week ends was discussed. Several members agreed to take care of this matter.

With no further business the meeting closed.

Resp. submitted
Elaine [illegible]

On Sept. 7th a special meeting was held in the Community House. Frances Harland, Dorothy Smith, Jessie [illegible] and Elsie Childs were present. Frances Harland read a list of comments from people who had played [illegible] at the bell ringing on Sunday Service. Dorothy Smith then read a letter from a former member and one from [illegible] Harland. These ought to be read at the monthly meeting following this meeting. It was not decided what to do about the chimes service until later.

Resp. submitted
Elsie Childs
Sec.

Meeting of Ministry & Council, March 4, 1959, with six members present. Material for the State of the Society was presented by both Frank Loprean & Herbert Stevens. It was approved to have minister Philip Muller combine the two to form a unified report to be submitted to Quarterly Meeting in April.

Some time was spent discussing the starting time of church & the consensus of the group was that all efforts were to be made to begin the service promptly. Further, it was agreed ~~that~~ the elders would take turns in sitting with the minister on the high seat during the service.

There followed a discussion on the order of the service.

Dorothy Smith asked permission for the use of the meetinghouse on June 27 for her daughter Nancy's wedding, which request the group recommended be approved by Monthly Meeting with congratulations.

Respectfully submitted

Lloyd Bigham, Clerk

Meeting of Ministry & Council, April 6, 1959, with six members present. Philip Miller reminded the group that elders have not been sitting on facing bench as agreed upon & urged the group to take it upon themselves to do so. He also urge the renewal of the custom of shaking hands to signify the close of the meeting.

Harry Hudson sought approval of the group to include James Pilkington in Ministry & Council Meetings, because of his work with the finance board. Group so approved.

There followed a discussion on the order of business

Respectfully submitted

Lloyd Brightman, Clerk.

N.B. - James Pilkington declined with thanks to be included in the Ministry & Council.

May 31, 1959 – Special meeting of Ministry & Council:

That it be recommended to Monthly Meeting that Philip Miller be continued at his present salary until Sept. 15, 1959, at which time his connection with the meeting would be re-evaluated in light of circumstances at that time

Respectfully submitted

Lloyd Brightman, clerk

July 12, 1959 - Ministry & Council recommends to the Monthly Meeting that Philip Miller be not continued as minister of the Central Village Monthly Meeting of Friends after September 15. Further, it is acceptable to Ministry & Council that the parsonage be rented to Alan Cote on a month-to-month basis.

Respectfully submitted

Lloyd Brightman, clerk

August 1st 1959 - James Rogers, pastor of the Congregational Church of North Westport is approved to be retained as a supply minister on a Sunday-to-Sunday basis, with a change in the hours of meeting to allow for his travel time from his other pulpit.

Respectfully submitted

Floyd Brightman, clerk

March 2nd 1960, The resignation of Frances Howland, clerk of Monthly Meeting, was accepted with regret & notice was taken of his faithful & faultless service.

It was learned that George Jones could serve as a supply minister indefinitely. He was offered the use of the parsonage for weekends, or any time he so chose.

Time for meeting was changed to original hour of 10:45 a.m. It was further suggested that Monthly Meeting be changed from evenings to ~~At~~ after the rise of meeting on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Respectfully submitted

Lloyd Brightman, clerk.

December 30, 1960 Ministry & Council

It was recommended that John Ruth's salary as minister would initially be $35/wk to be raised as soon as possible to $40/wk, & utilities: heat, gas, light, & telephone.

It was recommended that the order of service remain the same with approximately 5 minutes for meditation & sharing. The relationship of Ministry & Council to the Sunday School was discussed. Further, much thought was given to the transitional period of attendance between Sunday School & meeting.

A nursery for children of church-goers was discussed. And John Ruth was urged to visit shut-in & older members when possible.

Respectfully submitted
Floyd Brightman, Clerk.

August 11, 1964 – Ministry & Council meeting at the home of Dorothy Smith. The rôle of Ministry & Council as a guiding force in the life of the meeting was discussed. The idea was presented that too many professional people were involved & that the Ministry & Council appointees in the future should represent more of a cross-section of the meeting members. John Roth discussed his visitation of shut-ins & members of the meeting who were non-attenders. He also urged Ministry & Council to keep more detailed & accurate records.

Respectfully Submitted
Floyd Brightman, Clerk

October 11, 1961 – Ministry & Council met at the home of Lloyd Brightman. Discussion revolved around membership & the problems involving non-attenders, who still represent assessment to Yearly Meeting. Our contributions to this body have been low – about 90¢ per member – and it was felt by some members of Ministry & Council that a realistic reduction of the membership rolls was in order, after first exploring every approach to the re-interesting of non-attending members in the work of the meeting. No definite action was taken.

Respectfully submitted
Lloyd Brightman, Clerk

March 9, 1962 – Ministry & Council met at the home of Dorothy Smith. Main objective of the meeting was to discuss the securing as pastor of Edwin Hinshaw, an Indiana Friend who has been serving as a youth worker with the American Friends Board of Missions in Kenya. It was decided to invite him to serve as our pastor under the same financial arrangement as we have with John Ruth — $40/wk & parsonage & utilities. It has been indicated that this would be suitable to the Hinshaws. It seemed to be in the best interests of both the meeting & Edwin Hinshaw to list the duties he would be expected to perform as pastor. These duties were discussed at some length. The Ministry & Council welcomed the addition of Stuart Kirkaldy to serve out the term of Henry Hudson, who has moved with his family to Pittsburgh.

Respectfully submitted
Floyd Brightman, Clerk

June 8, 1962 — Ministry & Council met at the home of Stuart Kirkaldy. It approved a request from Edwin Hinshaw to return to Indiana on August 10, 1962 to speak. It also approved his use of his own refrigerator in the parsonage. An electric stove he wished to use, it was pointed out, was not feasible, since the parsonage is not wired for such an appliance. A reception for the Henshaws was also discussed, after they had had a chance to settle themselves in the parsonage & in the meeting. John Ruth reported plans to hold a Book Fair on July 21. All books were to be donated & sales would represent 100% profit. He also brought up the suggestion of having another membership Sunday, at which time _all_ members of the meeting would be urged to attend. A tentative date of July 22nd was set for this event. A concern for the Sunday School for the coming year was discussed. Future plans for the Superintendent & several of the faculty members prevented their commitment to this work for the coming term. Several people were suggested for this work, but no definite action was taken. John Ruth agreed to list his duties as minister — Respectfully Submitted

Floyd Brightman, Clerk

July 6, 1962 - Ministry & Council met at the home of Floyd Brightman. The clerk read a letter from Edwin Hinshaw agreeing to the aforementioned use of his appliances. John Ruth presented a list of duties to be forwarded to him, & it was approved with some modifications. Stuart Kirkaldy expressed a desire for more business-like procedure in ministry & Council meetings, specifically the reading of minutes of previous meeting. The clerk agreed to duplicate the minutes & send them to each member. The meeting considered changing the date of Membership Sunday, because of an earlier than expected departure date of the Ruths. It was decided that it would be held on August 12th, after the arrival of the Hinshaws. No definite action was taken on the ~~definite~~ replacement of the Brightmans on Ministry & Council or on the Sunday School Staff. Regarding this latter matter, it was decided to let Edwin Hinshaw, if he so desired, work, with what staff could be gathered, assuming a major role at first, &

then deferring in authority to a lay superintendent as such leadership developed. It was also decided to wait until after Membership Sunday to consider ~~new additions to Ministry & Council~~ - revising the membership role. The name of Ruth Heath was brought up as a possible addition to the Sunday School staff, after it had been ascertained her feelings about this kind of work. Charles Brightman was mentioned as a possible Ministry & Council member. Stuart & Doris Murray were also mentioned as Sunday School staff members, to be contacted later in the summer after their camp duties were over.

Respectfully submitted
Floyd Brightman, Clerk

Aug 8, 1962

- Frank LeBreau reported ~~that~~ Virginia Lash would summon the Sunday School Staff. He will also talk with Ruth Heath about her participation.
- Membership Sunday Aug 26th Dorothy Hinshaw and Frankie Kirkhaly will be friend hostesses.
- Frank LeBreau to act as Clerk of Ministry-Council pro-tem.
- Edwin Hinshaw mentioned purchase of Quaker date Book.

Lloyd Bright M.M.
(Ed.)

Sept 7, 1962

- Ruth Howland and Charles Brightman were welcomed onto membership in Ministry & Counsel
- Letter read from Abigail Lash requesting membership - the meeting.
- Edwin Hinshaw, FJ LePreau, and Dorothy Smith was appointed to call on her and make a report to M.-C.
- Letter from Philip Mixer read requesting transfer to Allen Neck - approved.
- Dorothy, Edwin Hinshaw and Lindley Hinshaw request transfer from Jericho Monthly Meeting Indiana to Westport; approved. also Martha.
- Approved ~~that~~ we should send a letter to inactive members and associate members asking them for more participation.

Frank LePreau.

November 16, 1962

- Virginia Steinmetz responded to our letter indicating she wished to maintain membership and enclosed a check.
- approved to drop Curtis family from membership since there had been many negative contacts over the past year.
- Various members of M-C. indicated they would call with the minister on those to whom we had written letters.
- approved to have a Christmas morning worship service with children participating and omitting Sunday School that day.
- approved that we should have a 7:30 pm Christmas Eve family worship service for not more than 30 min.

Frank LeBreau.

December 7, 1962

- Charles Brightman, Ruth Howland, Frank Lepreau, Edwin Hinshaw, Dorothy Smith.
- Must continue visiting list.
- Friends are urged to visit Winifred Shapley.
- Ed Hinshaw, Ruth Howland and Charles Brightman will set up a simple manger scene in the meeting house
- Ruth Howland and Wm Smith will arrange for wreath and lights on front of meeting house
- Jenny Elaine Hinshaw and Fred Everett Hinshaw are approved for Associate Membership at the request of their parents, Edwin and Dorothy Hinshaw
- Friends must start collecting Books for January 1963 Fair.

Frank Lepreau

Jan 11, 1963

- Ruth Howland, Edwin Hinshaw, Stuart Kirkaldy, William Smith, Frank Lepreau, Charles Brightman

- Suggest Ella Philpot as a representative to Council of Churches

- Plans to resume the visitations

- Send envelopes to all members

- Several names and families for calling marked down by Ed Hinshaw.

- Approved to have 2-3 members of the meeting conduct the service at a suitable time in the spring.

Stuart Kirkaldy Clerk of Ministry Council

Frank Lepreau

February 8th 1963
William Smith, Frank Hoffman, Edwin Hinshaw
Charles Doughtery, Ruth Hinshaw, & Stewart Kimball

Edwin Hinshaw reported on visitation & raised the question of a young married couples group. Further plans were laid for follow up work. It was reported that [illegible] Webb had joined the Catholic church.

It was agreed that two persons be asked to greet people coming to meeting at the beginning of the ~~[illegible]~~ service. The ~~[illegible]~~ greeters would be different members at each [illegible].

Notices of Conferences were circulated by Frank Hoffman including Friends General Conference at the UN, Friends Witness for Peace & Youth Conference.

It was decided that George Minott now of [illegible] Dunning be approached & asked to speak at meeting.

Edwin Hinshaw reported that he had been asked to serve as field [illegible] leader of Young Friends at [illegible]. It was agreed that ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]. It was also approved that he went to 16th of [illegible] Conference at Staunton Va.

Discussion was held on the subject of having a [illegible] with the Friends [illegible] to [illegible] & [illegible]. It was decided to try & arrange a joint meeting with the [illegible] meeting, subject to approval by monthly meeting.

Stewart Kimball

March 8th 1963
Present Frank Lepreau, Charles Brightman, Edwin Hinshaw, ~~Ruth~~ Howland & Stuart Kimball & William Smith.

Frank Lepreau reported on the progress of the hospital at Kaimosi & reminded the group of Quarterly Meeting on April 13th. He announced the 5 yrs meeting at Richmond Indiana July.

Frank Lepreau read letters from the Friends Service Committee & the Clerk of the Allen's Neck Meeting approving of the visit of a speaker on India/Berlin.

Ed Hinshaw & Frank Lepreau reported on calls on the Stanley Giffords, the Bowdens, the Melvin Woods & Carl Wood. Richard S. Gifford has notified us that he wishes to be removed from the active membership list. It was decided that the question of Eleanor Rapoza's membership be brought up at Monthly Meeting.

Discussion of a delegate to go to the NE/NY Summer School at Poughkeepsie N.Y. : June 23rd - 28th. Frances Kimball was suggested as a possibility.

Discussion of attending a conference on functions of Ministry & Counsel at Woolman Hill. The names of Ruth Howland & Dorothy Smith were suggested.

The impending visit of David Stanfield, Secretary of the 5 yrs meeting Board on Stewardship & Finance, to Allen's Neck & Westport meetings on March 18th was discussed. This is under the arrangement of Dartmouth Q.M. & we will have to wait for them to act

A previous suggestion of a Men's Club of some type was discussed. It was felt that not enough members were active in the meeting to make this feasible.

The Book Fair was again discussed.

April 12th 1963

Present Frank Lepreau, Ruth Howland, Charles Brightman, Edna Cushman, William Smith + Stuart Kirkelly.

The delegate to the Seminar on function of Ministry + Counsel, Ruth Howland reported that she would be going, possibly with someone from Allen's Neck meeting.

The speaker on Berlin + Berlin will, if he comes, be at Allen's Neck. Further information is needed.

Delegates from the meeting to Sandwich Q.M. were Ruth Howland + Dorothy Smith from Ministry + Counsel + the Brightmans for the afternoon.

It was decided that Stuart Kirkelly would speak in meeting for Worship on April 28th on the U.N. Friends Conference + that Gail Smith would perhaps speak on her Workcamp with Lucy Ann Lepreau.

Some conference announcements were circulated. The Murray's camp (Ethel-Bob-Bett) has been suggested as a center for religious activities - Bible schools etc. This was discussed & the possibility of a Friends Bible School in the summer was entertained & considered favorably. Ed Hinshaw was left to rough out details & a budget for the next meeting.

Ed Hinshaw requested two Sunday's vacation in June or July. It was decided to ask John Booth if he could come back for a couple of weeks.

Cleaning up the grounds, the yard of the meeting house was talked about. One Saturday later in the month was suggested & William Smith agreed to bring a tractor. April 27th was selected & everybody will bring their own food.

May 10th 1963

Present

Ruth Howland attended as treasurer - she had been unable to go to the Seminar on the function of Ministry & Counsel.

Progress of the Bible School arrangements at Camp Pilot Bob Booth was discussed & a tentative program circulated. Suggested dates were August 12th - 16th. General approval was expressed of the tentative plans; it was decided to press ahead with vigour.

John Booth will be here on June 30th to conduct the meeting for Worship & Ed is arranging for a Friend from B.U. to come for July 7th.

Clement Kimbally reported that a fair start on book collection had been made & urged repeated efforts.

Frank Lefferson reported the names of two [illegible] [illegible] an Indian & W. Decker. A discussion developed on Summer activities & it was suggested that a Book Fair followed by a series of Sunday evening meetings would be appropriate: an organ recital ~~the~~ [illegible] was also suggested

A letter from Atty Howard Young relative to the property of Mrs Flood south of the Sea Rest House was read. The meeting has a "remained interest" in this land and will revert to the meeting on the death of Mrs Flood. It was felt that no benefit would come to the Meeting from interfering with the present provisions ~~but~~ a meeting with Mr. Young was suggested.

The Friends Every Member Canvass was discussed and ~~the~~ it was decided that Keith Howland & William Sewell should study the program & report back to Ministry & Counsel.

Minor alterations in the lay out of the Worship Service, mainly having an initial quiet period were discussed & approved. Reduction of the number of hymns was also discussed.

August 9th, 1963
Present – Ed Hurshman, Charles Brightman, Ruth Howland,
William Smith, Stuart Kebbly, Frances Howland.

Discussion held on further Summer Sunday programs. We are awaiting word from Jack Delaney & the N.B. League of Women Voters.

Reminder of Membership Day Sept 5

Matter of Junior memberships [illegible] considered. Discipline quoted and letter read to be sent to Junior members of our meeting. Ministry & Counsel approved letter as read.

Ministry & Counsel approved substitute speaker for Sunday Sept 1.

Stuart Kebbly

September 6th 1963
Present – Ed Hurshman, Charles Brightman, Ruth Howland
William Smith, Frank Lefcoun, Stuart Kebbly

Retrospective discussion on Summer Programs. A surplus of $49.00 exists. It was agreed to set this aside for ~~a~~ future summer programs.

The Summer Day Camp was reviewed. Expenditure & income was accurately balanced. 39 children may attend the Sunday School.

A letter from the ~~Wisdom~~ Wood family was read ~~[illegible]~~ asking for membership of the meeting. It was generally assumed and Ed Hinshaw, Charles Brighton + Ruth Hubbard were appointed to visit them.

Discussion of procedure at Membership Sunday. Also of visiting — James Pilkington + Frank Lippman are requested to call — them before + report on their interest. Other assignments were made for visiting.

Junior members were discussed. Those over 14 will be approached with a view to encouraging full membership.

Study groups on Friends belief + practice were discussed.

UN Seminar in N.Y. Ed, Frank + Stuart plan to go.

Quarterly meeting Reps. — Stuart + ~~Frances~~ Hubbell, Frank Lippman, Charles Brighton + Ruth Hubbard

Hubbell

Sept 29th 1963

Present — William Smith, Ruth Hubbard, Ed Hinshaw, Charles Brighton, Frances Hubbell, Frank Lippman, Stuart Hubbell

The future of Ed Hinshaw's ministry here was discussed frankly + fully. Good resolutions were made to visit + encourage more membership + attendance.

A study group was tentatively arranged to start on Oct 13th.

Ed told us that he has had offers of posts in Richmond + (less definitely) N.E. Yearly meeting. He stated that he would be staying until the end of the year but that he would be tempted financially to go elsewhere at the end of that time.

Discussion of the future (– Ed, chairman) was suggested.

Charles Brighton reported on the visit to the Woods – a favourable one. It was decided to recommend their acceptance by the meeting as members.

Further visiting was arranged.

Oct 6th A special meeting of Ministry + Council. Frank Lipman, Ralph Rowland, Charles Brighton, Bill Smith + Albert Kibbell

It was decided that we would not stand in the way of Ed. Hurban in his career. Most of the meeting felt somewhat pessimistic about the future of a small church of this nature.

However, it was felt that we should ① increase his salary forthwith & ② get out & work harder.

11/8/63 Regular meeting of Ministry & Council. Ruth Rowland, Charles Brighton, Ed Hurban, Frances Rowland, Bill Smith

Albert Kibbell reported on his visit to the Sykes, Ruth Rowland on a visit to Ruth Dunn + Winifred Shaffer & Frances Rowland on Helen Sanford. Other potential members were discussed.

Ed read a very felicitous letter from the Nathan R Woods expressing thanks + appreciation for their welcome to the meeting.

The Civil Rights Conference at Woolman Hall was mentioned and the discussion between Protestant + Catholic ministers on Nov 17th

A group of children from Connecticut ~~will~~ be at Bruf Phil Bob Betts will need transportation on Nov 17th to meeting. Individual drivers will be needed + will be appealed at monthly meeting

Discussion of library books + the need for reorganization. Removal of the black stove in the library was suggested.

Day nursery suggested in very tentative fashion.

Thanksgiving supper discussed - Pot Luck on Nov. 23rd. Ella Phelps is to be asked to show slides of her trip.

12/6/63 Regular meeting. C.B., R.H., E.H., E.J.L., W.S.

Ed reported on the financial soundness of the Sunday School + its donation to Hong Kong Friends Mission Day Nursery. It was decided not to contribute to the Salvation Army or to H. Council's Home. Ed circulated some notices of meetings + conferences.

Letter from Board on Stewardship + Finance requesting special giving for 5 yrs meeting from monthly meeting

Discussion of possible help for Mrs. Oswald, perhaps through

A.F.S.C. : Friends Affairs [illegible] weekly [illegible]

Announcement of Book Fair next year in Bulletin & need for books.

Christmas Eve service proposed at 7³⁰ p.m. Hymns & readings. [illegible] worship [illegible] Sunday. Quarterly letter for mailing to members about State of Meeting, activities etc to be described.

Invitation to 8 p.m. Candlelight Service, N Westport Cong. Church Dec 22nd at 8 p.m.

Visitation was discussed: of Lynwood Shaffer & the Sykes

Discussion group at Hardy Home was examined and the gift for Eleanor Taff. To resume after 1st of January.

Nominating Committee to be appointed Sunday. Representatives for Quarterly Meeting in N.B. in January — Frank Lepreau, Ruth Howland, Frances Howland & Charles Brightman.

Albert [illegible]

1/10/64 Regular meeting of Ministry & Counsel. Present Ruth Howland, Bill Smith, Frank Lepreau, Ed [illegible], Charles Brightman & Albert [illegible].

Decision of Ruth Hadley giving the message on 1/19/64. Subject to be left to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Visitation of Sykes & Shaffers re-discussed. (Also return of book collection). Also Brightman, Norman & Beth Wilde.

Conference at Woolman Hill — Civil Rights. [illegible]

Pilkington suggested as a delegate.

Monthly meeting advices + business was discussed — Flag, Property, Painting etc. Also raising of funds for a Youth Worker for N.E.Y.M.

Frank Lepreau reported on ministry committee. Ruth Tripp wishes to resign from the Flower Committee & Charlotte Wood was suggested in her place. Discussion was also held on the Westport Council of Churches membership. It was decided to continue membership & try to have delegates go regularly.

Ed asked permission to be away at NEYM & for clinical training at a Mental Hospital for a month in the summer. Substitutes were discussed.

Ed reminded us of his wanted departure, possibly to a Youth Worker's post c̄ NEYM.

Bill Smith gave ~~an~~ report on the financial situation which was fairly good.

2/6/64 Regular meeting of Ministry & Council. Present Ruth Howland, ~~Bill Smith~~, Ed Cheshire, Frank Lepreau & Stuart Noble

Ed & Frank reported on a visit to the Humphreys & Frank to the Lykes. Ed has visited the various Wood families. Some other names were suggested including Mrs Bradlett

Some notices were circulated — Conference Pendle Hill Conference on "the Meaning of Membership" - April. It was felt that a delegate should go if possible

Ed reported on the Council of Churches meeting & on the Main Address & on the Speakers' suggestion about Sunday School.

Frank Lefever wanted a notice [illegible] in the Community House about not pulling the curtain as the rope is broken

Ed will be away from Sunday 19th July — end of August. He will be arranging alternates.

Ed suggested another supper ~~[illegible]~~ meeting — the Community House. This was agreed.

Book Fair discussed. Apparently another church is thinking about this.

3/7/64 Regular meeting of Ministry & Counsel. Present Charles Brighton, Frank Lefever, Ruth Howland, ~~[illegible]~~ Smith, Ed Worden, Albert Kimbell

Book Fair on July 11th? Matter — before soon?
Bible School. First 2 weeks — July?
Ed reported on an alternate for all of August — David Westland — and suggested John Rutter for July. Agreed. Ed will write.

Woolman Hill Conference on Membership — April. Delegates hoped for. Also talks on Quaker Affirm by Willard Ware. Silent Peace Witness — March 27th — State House. Other announcements circulated, including Washington Seminar.

Letter from Meeting School about their work and need to communicate with us. Quarterly Meeting suggested as a forum.

Mrs. Blanch Tuckett has requested membership. To be recommended to M.M. in [illegible].

Subscriptions to [illegible] Friends found to be ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] in the membership. Notice of W. M.M. of F to be maintained in coming year.

Visiting. Peckham, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible].

Ed's future discussed. Would leave Sept 1964, or June 1965. He suggested 2 names, George Selleck & Walter Woolley. Ed urged maintenance of Friends tradition. No firm decision.

Discussion of sponsoring discussion groups between parents & teenagers in order to deepen & strengthen communication between them. ? Speaker the 1st time. ? Dr Bradley

4th Month 11th 1964 –

Regular meeting M.M. Convened. Present Ed Hinshaw, W. Hammersmith, Chandler Brightman, Ruth Howland, Frank LeSpreau SK.

Frank LeSpreau Clerk of Monthly Meeting reported a letter ~~f~~ from Sydney Pierce requesting transfer for himself, Edith, Bernice, and Sydney Jr. to

South Yarmouth Preparative Meeting. Approved. Eleanor Lefrean + her daughter wish to [illegible] membership. The Lowders will attend.

Theresa Gottlied and Frank Lefrean reported favorably on their interview with Blanche Brackett who is requesting transfer to our meeting from Winthrop Street Baptist Church in Taunton. She is in accord with all Friends Testimonies, but with a reservation on the Peace Testimony. Her letter of transfer request is approved.

Approved to ask Stewart Kittredge to say a word of welcome at worship service for her.

Summer replacements to receive $40 weekly. David Wetherell to preach August 9th – 30th. Joe De Groote to preach July 19th [illegible] for Toolticker to be asked for August 2nd. 26th to be with quiet [illegible] to have Joe De Groote.

Summer program to include Dr. Blakeverde, an Episcopal ~~[illegible]~~ minister on Civil Rights + family 2 musical programs by Mr. Tucker + his group.

Frank Lefrean announced that his daughter Sue ~~[illegible]~~ had become married and that his daughter Judy had expressed a desire to get married under the auspices of the society. Arrangements of committee ate to wait till monthly meeting time

Frank announced autumn meetings.

Discussion of replacement for Ed suggested by NEYM of F George Selleck + Wallis Bradley not perhaps immediately available but Franklin Pineo available now.

5/2/64. Regular + special meeting of M + C. Present Francis Hurlburt, Charles Dryden, Ed Hinshaw, Ruth Hurlburt, Stuart Bradley, Bill Smith, Frank Lepreau.

Major discussion centered on the possible replacements for Ed Hinshaw. Jim Teetleton is resigning from Atkins's meeting + might be considered as a Pastor for both meetings. It was agreed that both Clerks of both meetings + both Ministers should meet to discuss possibilities. The sense of the meeting was favorable to the proposal.

Frank Lepreau reported that Harold McLean would like to come on August 23rd to talk about Civil Rights, perhaps coming with 1 or 2 Negroes who have participated in Civil Rights demonstrations.

Ed announced that the only dates possible for Summer Camp would be the last week in June or the first week in July. He will look for volunteers as Leaders

Book Fairs discussed. Advertising jointly but physically to be separate unless both at Central Village. To both the Pacific Union Leaders.

Ed reported on a visit to the Mormons. He suggested a "nursery" to take care of children while their parents attended ~~the~~ worship service.

Hubbell

7/11/64. Regular meeting of M&L. Present Frances Newbert, Ed. Hamburg, Ruth Newbert, Charles Brighton, Stuart Hubbell & William Smith.

Ed Hamburg reported that the Baptist Church - Fall River is holding an open summer camp & therefore our summer camp was not held.

The summer program was discussed. Prof. Ackermann, a musical program & Harold Mechlin on 9th, 16th, 23rd respectively, all at 7:30 p. Coffee to follow.

Franklin Jones will be the Minister beginning Sept 1st. Ed suggested that we contact various Monthly meetings before September to enquire about possible building features for the meeting. He will prepare a "duties of the minister" paper for him. It was agreed that a "homecoming" be held - 8/30/64.

It was found that Henry Hudson Jr. & George Case had requested & been spoken for as being requested to be removed from the rolls of the meeting. There was no dissent.

Ed. read a letter from Milton Hadley stating that he had found himself unable to consider the ministry of our meeting as a possibility.

The inability of the Ministry Committee to agree on a Clerk of Meeting was reported. It was suggested that Frances Hubbell be added to the Ministry Committee, + the subject be raised at Monthly Meeting.

Ed wishes to attend a meeting of a Peace + Intercultural affairs from July 19th – 24th

Evelyn Weston has almost completely finished the work of updating the membership statistics.

Stuart + Frances Hubbell may attend the Pendle Hill Conference on Student interests on Campuses. Stuart Hubbell

8/4/64 Regular meeting of M+C. Present Clinton Gifford, Walter Smith, Dorothy Smith, Ruth Hubbard, Stuart Hubbell, Ed [illegible].

The report of the Book Fair was favorable. Total receipts were $449.65 from all sources.

Dorothy Smith was instructed to write to various Yearly Meeting Superintendents about prospective candidates for our ministry. This will be done in cooperation with Ed. Hinshaw.

It was agreed that an Honorarium of $40 be offered to Dr Chakravarty a Sunday. It was agreed to send a donation to (Friends Africa Mission) the [illegible] Funds

Board of Missions on behalf of Howard Hadley who spoke last weekend in meeting.

Membership was discussed + visiting for the Fall planned. The status of various [illegible] Members was discussed. Ed reported that Evelyn Walton's work has revealed some considerable irregularities.

It was agreed to use PO Box 64 Central Valley as the meeting Box.

Financial Report — Balance $2490.26

Building Fund — $2472 — $1365 — from Special [illegible]
$1108 — from Donations.

Balance $1203.42 in Building Fund
" $1286. in Church Fund. This was considered favorable. It was agreed to record the work done in the next Appeal letter. Bill Smith described the various funds out of which money was taken. It was decided to try & divert money from cemetery funds to the meeting.

Finishing the Parsonage was discussed. Some work will be necessary + this will be raised at Monthly meeting.

Question of a picnic at Homecoming Sunday; to be raised at Monthly meeting.

9/19/84 Regular meeting of M+C. Present Dorothy Smith, Clinton Gifford, Ruth Rowland, Franklin Price, Charles Broughton, William Smith, Stuart Kimberly

Stuart Kimberly reported on the progress of the Quarterly meeting's SMT1 committee.
Notices of meetings were mailed.
Finances were discussed. The [illegible] Council of Charles request was referred to the monthly meeting.
William Smith ~~reported~~ that the Church Fund stood at about $1200 the building Fund at about $[illegible]00 before the present bills were paid.
It was agreed to raise at monthly meeting the question of a joint meeting of the Property + Finance Committee to draft a letter of appeal for further funds. Much still remains to be done.
A program of continuing ~~visiting~~ + responsibility by members for other members + non member attenders was discussed + names assigned to members of ministry + counsel as follows.

Stuart Kimberly

Myra Davis, Viola Hague, James Pilkington, Lynwood Shauffler. Westall Norman; Doris Murray, Barbara Lyon

William Smith

Ruth Bowman, Helen Sanford, Earle Wood, Edward Shauffler
Elizabeth Jones

Dorothy Smith

C. Clinton Gifford, Henry Perry, Elbert Reynolds, George & Virginia Wood, Evelyn Powell, Eleanor Tripp.

Clinton Gifford

Milton & Helen Borden, Stanley & Lucy Gifford, Ruth Tripp, Harold Wood, Edmund & Thora Lawton, Sandra Sykes

Theresa Gifford

Alfred Higgins

Blanche Brackett

Gertie Earle

Gail Leach

Everett Petty, Diane & Carol

Ruth Howland

Eugenie Gifford, Florence Lawton, Evangelos & Elaine Vafiades, the Albert Woods, the Robert Woods & the Rhodes

Stuart Kimberly

10/10/64 Regular Meeting of M&C. Present Dorothy Smith, Ruth Perry, Bill Smith, Theresa Gifford, Stuart Kimberly, Clinton Gifford, Fulton Perry, Blanche Brightman

Stuart Kimberly reported on the progress of SMTH project

Dorothy Smith reported that she had heard from two Quarterly Meetings neither of which had any ministerial projects.

The Quarterly Meeting discussed the problem of a donation to the

Mass. Council of Churches. No further action was recommended at this time.

The custody of the Community House key was discussed. It was felt that a janitor should be appointed, & that the Boy Scouts be discouraged from Smoking & Eating.

Chester Gifford pointed out the difficulty of getting into the driveway of the meeting on Sunday mornings. The question will be raised with the Police Dept or the Highway Dept.

Bill Smith reported a balance of $30± in the Building Fund. The balance at the 1st of the month in the Church Fund is $1100±.

Members of M & C reported on visitation.

Ministry & Counsel Meeting — November 7, 1964

Attendance: Ruth Howland, Frances Howland,
Franklin & Ruth Pineo, Charles Bridgeman,
Wm Smith, Stewart Kirkaldy

Discussion of need for, and duties of, a janitor now that keys had been issued to Scout Leaders and Womens Club. Wm Smith to pursue matter further, with Chester Gifford

Announcement of H.S. seminar to be conducted by A F S C over Thanksgiving Weekend — Nov 27-29 — Invitation to send two delegates from Westport Meeting. Agreed to recommend Meeting pay expenses of Gail Lash & Cynthia Norman if they will go.

Franklin Pine explained meeting of Mass. Council of Churches to be held in Worcester Nov. 10th. He plans to attend

Discussion of possible ways to increase interest in the Monthly Meeting for Business. Franklin Pine to draft a questionnaire to be submitted to members and bring same to next meeting of M & C for discussion.

Questionnaire from Religious Life Committee of Friends General Conference read and discussed. Franklin Pine described function of the newly formed Religious Life Committee and possible use and value of material gathered through the questionnaire.

Decided to hold a meeting Tuesday evening Nov. 17th for special consideration of matters included in the questionnaire and to invite other members of the Meeting to participate.

Frances Howland, Sec'y pro tem.

12/12/64 Regular meeting of M & C, Present Franklin Pine, Ruth Howland, Dorothy Smith, William Smith, Stuart Kimball

The Nominating Committee reported that the same list of officers would be recommended to Monthly Meeting, ~~with the possible exception of Frances Howland being replaced.~~

It was reported that Fred Stendell was not interested in the job of janitor. Neither was ~~Fred Stendell~~ Margaret Bean

Report of V.P. meeting in February. Visitors to be requested ~~[illegible]~~ at Monthly meeting. Also for Traverse City Conference.

The letter of concern about Marriages of non Friends in Non pastoral meetings was discussed. Franklin Paine explained that there was now (being rightly) taken care of in the Mass. State Legislature.

A letter from Moses Brown was read & will be read at M. M.

It was agreed to renew the Friends Journal.

A letter of thanks from the N.E. Friends Old Peoples Home for our contribution was read.

Financial Report

Balance in Building Fund $33   Outstanding Bills $270

New Fund — $515

In Church Fund $1247.56

Eleanor Triff has offered to open her house for the meeting one day this summer. This will be discussed at M M

Decision of a Christmas Eve meeting. Details to be arranged in the interim.

SMT Program was discussed. Franklin Paine & Stuart Kirkby reported on progress.

Discussion of broadening interest in M.M. Possibly a pot luck supper & M.M. combined as a trial. Will discuss at M.M.

Discussion group to start after Holidays? Possibly Bible Study. To remain at m.m.

Albert Kobelly

1/23/65 Regular meeting of [illegible]. Present Chester Gifford, Bill Smith, Franklin Power, Ruth Howland, Ruth Power & Albert Kobelly

A letter from Eleanor Taff requesting membership was read. Dorothy Smith & Albert Kobelly were appointed to visit her & report back.

A letter requesting that we send a list of members & current addresses was received. Franklin Power was to send this off.

An announcement of the Friends Conference on Race Relations was circulated. To be held 6/18 – 6/21/65 at Earlham College.

A letter was read from the NEYM Office reminding us that a State of the Meeting report should be prepared. Albert Kobelly will take care of this.

Franklin Power read a letter from FCNL regarding a petition to LBJ to cease Fire in Vietnam & supporting personal letters to LBJ & the local papers. Will be read at M.M.

Letter from AFSC about the Caravan Theater. Will ask them for details with a view to Saturday/or Sunday evening performance.

F.P. announced a Conference on Public Works to be held on

2/13/65. To be promulgated at M.M.

Discussion of [illegible] project & the possible [illegible] letting & monthly support to be provided by the meeting. Suggestion of ~~or~~ $500 down & at least $10 weekly.

James Pilkington has requested a Travelling Minute from the meeting. To be provided.

Stuart Hubbell

3/13/65 Regular Meeting of M & C. Present Ruth Hastings, Ruth Power, Charles Boughton, Bill Smith, Franklin Power, Stuart Hubbell & Charles Gifford.

Stuart Hubbell expressed a concern to write the President Johnson on behalf of the meeting to express its wishes — respect to the Civil Rights struggle in Selma Alabama. It was agreed to draft a letter for submission to M.M. tomorrow. Maurice McCrackin had expressed the desire that money from the Olive McCrackin Fund be donated to the cause of deprived Civil Rights workers. Bill Smith to report on this fund at M.M. tomorrow.

A letter was read stating that John Scott would be available on June 13th, 20th & 27th. It was agreed to invite him for the 27th. S.K. to write.

Announced ① Public Witness for Peace April 10th. Sponsors might be needed, ② Conference on The Spiritual Basis for Friends Business Wash[illegible] April 23-25th

(3rd) FCNL Seminar & Annual meeting March 18 – 21st
(4th) Friends Conference & Race Relations April 18th – 21st
(5th) Christian Education Schools – Meeting not interested this year
(6th) Conference – Meeting of Rural Ministry Pendle Hill March 19-21st

Franklin announced that the Council of Churches would like to hold a meeting on Good Friday afternoon in the Community House on April 4th. Dean Johnson, Judge Wolleny, Ted Keeton & Lois Beardsley & Dr Mitchell to be asked to be leaders. Approved by M & C.

Sandwich 1/4 meeting April 10th. Committee to be appointed tomorrow & also representatives to 1/4 meeting & to M & C.

Question of changing M.M. to a Saturday evening. Saturday 3rd or 24th April as target date. To raise at M.M.

Franklin Pierce reminded us of the lack of prospect for a Minister in the Fall.

3/30/65 Regular meeting of M & C. Present F & Ruth Pierce, William Smith, Ruth Harland, Charles Doughton, Stuart Kimberly

Franklin Pierce reminded us of the NE Witness for Peace & also distributed literature about the Friends World College.
Also reminded of UN Seminar & Woolman Hill Conference.

Discussion of Janitor Services. Norman [illegible] to be asked to mow the lawn? Agreed to be watched over first. R Sykes to be asked.

Dorothy Smith & Stewart Kimbelly appointed as representatives to the SMTI Property Holding committee.

Discussion of Ministry of the Meeting. F Pineo indicating that he might stay if allowed to have extended leaves of absence. He was anxious not to leave the meeting in the lurch or in non Quaker hands. He pointed out that a combination of the SMTI Directorship & the WOMM might be more financially feasible.

Discussion of Open House July 17th. Could Tea be held there? Reminder on Friends Travelling Theatre

Franklin reported that he had talked to Stanley Gifford & helped to accept him into the meeting as a Property Committee member. It was agreed so to do. The Property Committee will meet briefly on Saturday prior to Monthly Meeting.

5th Month 6th 1965

Present William Smith, Frances Harding, Ruth Harding, Ruth P[illegible], Charles Daughton, Frank P[illegible] & Stewart Kimbelly

Franklin Pineo reported on the SMTI program. Dorothy Smith wished to be replaced as a Steering member of the Center Board & suggested that James Pilkington be her replacement.

The AFSC Travelling Theatre would be willing to come in August or July. The dates of August 11-12-13 were selected the show to be on August 12th. The [illegible] Beach School was preferred as was the High School cafeteria. [illegible] to investigate.

William Smith to report on the Financial State at MM.

Equalization Fund for Yearly Meeting — to raise question of participation at M.M.

Offered change of business meeting time in minute book of NEYM — to be announced at MM

Letter suggesting reorganization of Q.M.s on a State basis read. To be read at MM

Letter from F.W. College Committee read. To be read at MM.

Regular Meeting of M & C. Present William & Dorothy Smith, Albert Kimberly, Clinton Gifford, Charles Brightman, Franklin & Keith Pierce

9/26/65

Next M M. on ~~[illegible]~~ Sunday October 3rd after Meeting for Worship.

Allen's Neck has ~~[illegible]~~ invited any of our children to their Church School. Frances Kimberly to contact mothers

Letter from the Nominating Committee to suggest list of members for Yearly Meeting Committees. To be sent off.

G F Prince

AFSC Annual Meeting - Oct 29 + 30th

Annual Fall Public Lecture - Dover Hall Friends House.

Sunday Oct 3rd 4pm

Washington Friends Leaders Seminar January 24th-25th

Financial Statement by William Smith

Sept 1st $2502 divided as follows.

$1889 Church Fund $613 - Building Fund.

There is a special fund of $1347 for any purpose, 500 dollars of this earmarked for Heating.

Discussion of Budgeting + of the type of heating plant to be installed. Estimates to be asked.

F Prince resigned as minute writer at the latest on April 1st 1966

Regular meeting of M + C 11/4/65

Present Paul Young, Charles Brighton, Frances Hurlbut, Albert [illegible], Ruth [illegible].

Parsonage supplies discussed. No previous expenditure voted.

Eugene Coffin to speak at Allen's Neck on 8th inst.

Junior Membership - Penny [illegible] + Edmund [illegible]

Frances Hurlbut to write separate letters.

A mimeographed letter to be composed & sent out by the Clerk & Paul Gomes.

Every Member Canvass to be studied at next meeting.

Discussion of time of meeting & of deletion of announcement of Sunday School. Paul Gomes suggested a small Sermon for children.

Letter about College Age Youth — no candidates

Letter from Friends United Meeting — requesting special offering — Nov 21st.

Paul Gomes requested that we communicate with Rev. C Homer Givens, 40 Bourne Street Middleboro — 02346 in regard to his (Paul's) Ministry, effectiveness etc.

Regular Meeting of M+C Present: Paul Gomes, Dorothy Smith, Ruth Rowland, William Smith, Albert Rowbotham.

Rev. C. Homer Givens — Clerk to write & give a general invitation & comment.

Form on 1st Day School — Clerk to fill out

Request for extra finance from Y.M. Meeting, needs to be attended to first but increase — budget of maybe $25 to be recommended.

Quaker Literature Center literature

Y.F. Mid winter Conference – no 8th & 9th grades
members but [illegible] many come in 9th grade.
Quarter of Quaker Peace Testimony Questions examined
To be raised at M.M. tomorrow. Also CMIE for Vietnam.
Stewardship Training Kit.
Nominating Committee. Evelyn Wisten to be Recording
Clerk. Eleanor Taff to replace Charlotte Wood on Finance
Committee. Hunt Kelly

Regular Meeting of M&C present Kathleen Smith, Ruth
Herbert, Russell Young, Dorothy Smith, ~~Ruth Hand~~
Charles Singleton & Hunt Kelly

Meeting House Fund – deferred for a year.
State of Meeting report – Clerk to fill out.
AFSC Appeal – to individual members.
Y.F. Mid Winter Conference – to contact individuals.
Dorothy Smith reported that certain needs exist in the
Parsonage:–
① A new Kitchen Range – Chester Gifford to consider
the range further
② A new screen [illegible] ③ Painting – [illegible]
To come at M&C. Also fence in yard to be
taken down & question of shrubbery
Hunt Kelly

2/12/66 Regular Meeting of Ministry & Counsel. Present - William Smith, Paul Gomer, Scott Hurlburt, Chester Gifford & Stuart Kirkbly.

A proposal to employ Walter Snyder as janitor was discussed & agreed. Also to add his name to the Property Committee. Salary to be agreed on.

Stuart Kirkbly brought up the SRCI project & it was approved to let this Committee hold a dance for students after their meeting on 2/27/66

Notices of the Young Friends Caravan, the [illegible] Regional [illegible] Workcamps, the Woolman Hill Conference on the meeting ministry to the family, & the vacancy at the N.E. Friends Home ~~[illegible]~~, the N.E. Friends Public Witness for Peace were circulated.

The Clerk was reminded of the report on the Historical & Spiritual state of the meeting.

Bill Smith reported a balance of about $800 in the Church Fund & $600 in the Building Fund. A letter from the Friends Extension Corporation relative to investing in the Friends Ext. Corporation was read & it was agreed that this would be a good thing to do with some of the 15 Funds held by the Meeting. This will be discussed at Monthly Meeting.

Letters from various Friends organizations on Vietnam were read & it was felt that the Meeting should made its position known. Subject to the approval of Monthly meeting the Clerk was directed to write to the President of the U.S.

2/12/86 Regular meeting of [illegible] held [illegible] + Dorothy Smith, Ruth [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] Elinda [illegible] + Paul [illegible].

The status of the [illegible] project was reported. Also the F.E. Comm. meeting, through [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] told the Clerk that all the former members had kept [illegible].
It was suggested that another member be found to [illegible] a month to act as Greeter. Bill Smith to contact him.
Agreed to send $5 subscription to FCNL [illegible].
Announcements of Meetings + various Appeals were circulated.
Changes in the format of 1/4 meeting suggested — so as to [illegible] quickly + be more stimulating.
Dorothy Smith reported that the [illegible] ordered a [illegible] set for $219. It was suggested to hold the old set for a Garage Sale or all around sale in July. This in combination with the Bake Sale + Food Sale would be the Fund Raising Project for the year.
Members were asked to think about the 25th Anniversary celebration.

4/10/66

Regular meeting of Ministry & Counsel. Present
William & Dorothy Hewitt, Ruth Hubbard, Charles Coughlin
Paul [illegible] & Stuart Hubbell

Letter from Thyra Jane Foster re: receipt of records missing.
Dorothy Hewitt suggested that the Clerk ask Ruth
Hubbard to [illegible] the [illegible] records [illegible]. As
many records as possible have already been sent
Notice of Cape May Conference. No candidates for this
meeting. Declined to sponsor [illegible] guest
Matters of Meeting:
Equalization Fund. Will take care of our own. [illegible]
Paul Gifford & Nancy [illegible] suggested as a possibility. Dorothy & Ruth to speak to her.
Letter from Board of Christian Concerns. [illegible]
[illegible] Quaker meeting [illegible]. [illegible]
FCNL "Wednesdays in Washington" — to be
announced.
Decided to recommend $50 to be sent to AFSC.
Summer activity to be decided at Monthly meeting as
regards date. [illegible]
Specified state of meeting Report. Clerk & Pastor to confer.
Holy Fund for Evangelical Work. Suggestion that we [illegible]
advertisements in the local newspapers. To be raised at
the Arrangements Committee meeting.
Report of [illegible] — gift of $25.00.
Charles [illegible] — wants to make a gift — [illegible]

to the Tax Meeting. [illegible]

5/7/66 Regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel - Charles Brightman, C. Arnold Gifford, Ruth Howland, Paul Greer and Dorothy & William Smith present

Spiritual state of the Meeting has been compiled and sent to Margaret Douglas.

Thank you letter has been sent to the Indian [illegible] for their Easter Gift $25)

Suggested that section (3 to feet) of the north and south wall at a point near the east and west wall be removed and a gate similar to the front gate be placed there.

Suggested that John Fowler be invited to give a half hour program of slides in July or August - coffee and cookies to be served at the close of the program.

To formalize the time for the Monthly Meeting. Ministry and Counsel recommend that we return to the second Sunday following the Meeting for Worship.

Ministry and Counsel recommend the Meeting pay half of the $32 75 for the children desiring to attend Yearly Meeting.

Proposed having "greeters" at the door on Sunday Morning to give out programs and welcome the attenders.

Find out if anyone is interested in attending meeting at Boston Beacon Hill House next Saturday.

Decided to wait until we hear from the Lloyd Brightmans as to the date they expect to be home before making definite date for the 25th Anniversary Program.

Women's Meeting plan a definite date for the Summer Fund Raising Program.

Dorothy T. Smith

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Counsel 5th Month 15th day
Present [illegible] [illegible], Albert Gifford, Ruth [illegible], Paul [illegible] & Bill & Dorothy [illegible] (late arrivals)

It was agreed to hold a meeting in the Community House at which Tom Adams "Peace Candidate" for the Democratic Nomination for U.S. Senate would speak on Morality in Foreign Policy.

A letter from Ed [illegible] requesting the use of the

Community House for the SALT Coffee House Project was read. It was agreed to recommend that the meeting offer a three a week session @ $5.00 per night unless & until the Project moved elsewhere or unaccountable problems occur.

The various needs of the Property of the meeting were discussed. It was agreed to request that the Property Committee meet to discuss these.

The plans for the 250th Anniversary Celebration were discussed. The date of Nov 13th was fixed & a tentative format approved — Floyd [illegible] to speak on 'the history of the meeting', a Quaker Theologian to be obtained to speak on Theology; & somebody possibly the long suffering Clerk to speak on 'the challenge of the future'. Special music maybe by the St. [illegible] Singers.

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Counsel 10th month 8th day
Present Stuart Kirkaldy, Dorothy Smith, Charles Brighton, Ruth Howland & Paul Gower

Stuart Kirkaldy reported that Dr. Phillip [illegible] felt that the 1st edition copy of Wesley Bible was probably worth 7 or 8 hundred dollars if suitable restoration work costing perhaps 100 dollars, was done on it. To was agreed to submit the proposal to the M.M. that Mr Sargent be authorized to go ahead with selling it on a commission basis.

Arrangements for the 250th Anniversary Celebration were discussed. It was agreed to recommend that Air Fares for the participants (Lloyd Bughton & Christine Downing) be paid by the Meeting & also that the B.U. Seminary Singers be hired. Coffee would be provided afterwards.

The principle of installing a new heating system was agreed upon. Milton Borden to be asked to report to the Meeting the next day.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee on the old Funds were discussed. Eight old Trusts would be amalgamated & it was agreed to recommend that $4000 be invested in the Friends Extension Corporation. The offering for the Earlham School of Religion & the Friends World College were left over to be discussed in monthly meeting.

It was agreed to send $10 to the Friends Journal Association.

Vietnamese Relief was discussed but no recommendation made to the monthly meeting.

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Counsel, 11th Month 3rd Day

Arrangements for the 250th Anniversary Celebration on the 13th of the month were discussed. It was agreed to recommend to Monthly Meeting that ① Lloyd [illegible]'s expenses be paid ② Christian Downing be given $50 as a fee for speaking ③ The Seminary Singers receive $50 plus travel expenses. Dorothy Smith & Ruth Newland reported good progress on the arrangement for Coffee.

It was agreed to recommend that a Telephone of some sort be installed in the Community House.

Letters about the [illegible] Project in Community Conflict & the [illegible] Conflict [illegible] were considered

It was agreed to recommend to the meeting that $250 be appropriated & sent to the Committee on Friends World College.

A program for Christmas Eve was discussed & it was hoped that a Sunday School for a few months would evolve out of this

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Counsel. 12th Month 5th Day

A letter of application for membership in the Westport Monthly Meeting was received from Ted & Mary Lou Barton. Dorothy Smith & Ernest Kimball were appointed to visit with them & report back to Ministry & Counsel.

It was agreed to recommend installing a "Pay Public" Telephone in the Community House at the approximate cost of $10 monthly.

A letter requesting that titles of books which the membership found meaningful was received. It will be circulated at Monthly Meeting.

Bill Smith reported a balance of $2200 in the Church Building Budget & of around $2500 in the Special Fund. It was recommended that $500 be allowed the Ministerial & Board Grounds to buy the remaining furniture needed for the Parsonage.

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Regular Meeting of Ministry + Council 1st Month 5th Day

Present Dorothy Smith, Frances Hurlbut, Ruth Hurlbut, Eleanor Triff, Charlotte Wood, Paul Yenser + Stewart Kerbelly

Dorothy Smith + Stewart Kerbelly reported favorably on their visit to Ted + Mary Lou Benton. Ministry + Council agreed to recommend their acceptance as members of the meeting.

A letter from the Finance Committee of N.E.Y.M. was read + considered. It requested increased contributions from monthly meetings. The sense of the meeting was that our finances had already been somewhat stretched by the donation to Friends World College, Earlham College and the 250th Anniversary. Our contribution to NEYM was $150 which was up $25 over last year + $50 over the year before.

Sunday School arrangements were discussed + classes tentatively assigned. There was still a need for 1 teacher but several names were suggested.

Ruth Hurlbut, Eleanor Triff, Paul Yenser + Stewart Kerbelly were appointed as delegates to Sandwich Quarterly meeting on the 14th day in the New Bedford Meetinghouse.

Dorothy Smith reported the gift of Stock valued at 350-400 dollars by the Hudsons.

Stuart Kirkaldy Clerk.

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Counsel 2d Month 9th Day

Present Charlotte Wood, Eleanor Tripp, Paul Spinner & Stuart Kirkaldy

The Annual Report of the Spiritual State of the Meeting has been requested. The Clerk & Paul Spinner agreed to write this.

The status of former Associate Members was discussed. ~~Both~~ Neither Susanna Hughes nor Timothy Fairchild has replied to earlier letters & it was recommended that they be dropped from membership. Letters were to be sent to James Hughes, Lee Ferguson O'Neill & Sandra Griffin Tyler, telling them the revised regulations pertaining to former membership.

It was agreed to recommend to the Meeting that a Safe Deposit box be obtained for stock & valuable papers.

The books to be ordered for the Meeting Book & Tract Fund were tentatively selected.

A Cake Sale for the Sunday School to raise money was unrecorded.

The program for the Alfred Quarterly Meeting was discussed. It was suggested that Fred [illegible] & Albert [illegible] would ~~[illegible]~~ lead a discussion — a dialog & questions, following a supper of cold Turkey.

Letter requesting a Sponsor for the Meeting for the U.S. Peace Witness on Good Friday and suggesting visits to Washington were noted.

Albert [illegible]
Clerk

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Counsel, 3rd Month 9th day
Present Charlotte Wood, Eleanor Triff, Charles Brighton,
Paul [illegible] & Albert [illegible]

The question of a work party to go to [illegible] Camp was raised arising out of Ed. [illegible]'s letter of thanks for our donation. To be raised at Monthly Meeting by Albert Gifford.

Delegates were appointed to Quarterly Meeting

No action was taken on appointing representation to the Good Friday Peace Witness.

It was agreed to distribute [illegible] [illegible] for Indian Affairs at Monthly Meeting.

Charlotte Wood was asked to enquire about [illegible] [illegible] for the Sunday School to visit the UN as a group.

The 1967 Peace Projects Directory was circulated. No action was taken.

It was decided to await the report of the Treasurer before making a donation to the Westport Council of Churches scholarship.

Stewart Hibbelly

egular Meeting of Meeting & Council 4th Month 6th Day. Present Paul Garner, Stewart Hibbelly, Frances Hubbard, Ruth Hubbard, Charles Brighton, Charlotte Wood.

Announcements of Conferences were circulated.

It was agreed to purchase 12 copies of "Vietnam — a view from the Dark Border" at 50 cents a copy

The work project suggested for China Camp on June 17th was discussed. In view of Chester Gifford's illness it was agreed to drop the idea for this year.

A work project for the Sunday School on the 21st was arranged. The grounds are to be cleaned up some.

It was agreed to ~~send~~ recommend $10 for Ban's general fund & $10 for Indian Relief.

A letter from Wesley Cummings & Charlotte Wood requesting the use of the Meeting House ~~to~~ be married on 6/10/67 was read & referred to Monthly Meeting.

The problem of an organist to help Eleanor Spofford was discussed. Paul reported that Miss Wheeler was not too interested but that she had recommended Stephen Earle. Paul & Charlotte Wood were to write her & discuss the matter.

Paul reported that he ~~intended~~ would like to stay in Westport for another 18 months & go to medical school in September 1968. This was approved.

A Rummage & Book Sale was scheduled for July 22nd & a supper in August, possibly the 19th.

Two Partner projects were tentatively selected, P.p. 32 & 51, & will be recommended to Monthly Meeting.

Stuart Kerbobly

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Counsel 5th month 11th day
Present Russell Gorman Frances Burton Ruth Burbank
Eleanor Tuff, Charlotte Wood & Stuart Kerbobly

A letter from Attorney Hanity about the Flood Estate had been received. The Meeting was requested to join with Mrs. Flood in a deed of sale & to divide the proceeds with her. It was decided to recommend to Monthly meeting that such action be taken.

[illegible] A letter from FCNL reported that our affiliation to help the [illegible] Girls Home had been offered. It was suggested that we appoint a correspondent & Mary Lou Benton was suggested as a candidate for this job

August 12th was agreed upon as a date for a supper to be put on by Jacqueline [illegible]

Questions about the functioning of the Sunday School were raised & it was agreed to have a meeting in the next few days.

It was agreed to take no action on the [illegible] Fund & to suggest individual response to the China Relief appeal.

The question of refusal to pay the Telephone Tax as a tax levied strictly for the Vietnam war was discussed. It was decided to consider this further at the [illegible] meeting

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Council 6th Month 22nd Day Present Stuart Kerbley, Elvin Tuff, Ruth Howland, Charlotte Wood, Dorothy Smith

It was agreed to raise Paul [illegible]'s salary to $60 weekly retroactive to June 3rd

Ruth Howland & Charlotte Wood were appointed delegates from Ministry & Council to the Quarterly meeting.

A letter was received from the Friends' Board of Missions requesting Emergency Aid for the Jordan refugees. It was agreed to recommend $25 be sent by the Meeting.

A report was received that Mary Beardon was sick. Dorothy Smith was appointed to find out the situation & report to monthly meeting.

It was agreed to recommend renewal of the FCNL newsletter.

A letter from John Ruth was received, offering to preach in August. It was decided to ask him to come & to try & arrange a Pot Luck supper in honour of some of the older members of the Meeting at about the same time.

Dorothy Smith suggested that perhaps the Meeting should set up a Memorial Fund. The reaction was generally favourable & the idea will be developed further.

A rota of members to give messages was discussed. Ted Lenton, Wesley Pennington, Clinton Gifford & Jackie Colburn were suggested.

The material ~~from~~ the Earlham School of Religion was received. It was decided to raise the question of individual visitation at ~~that~~ time of monthly meeting.

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Counsel 7th Month 15th Day

The new arrangement of benches was tentatively approved. It was agreed to continue the present way until the 8th month business meeting.
Names were suggested for possibly giving messages once monthly. It was agreed to institute this procedure.
The final arrangements for the Birth & Marriage table were to be referred to Monthly Meeting.
Various appeals were considered. It was agreed to recommend $20 ~~to~~ the re-election campaigns of Sens McGovern & Church but not to send money to the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom nor to the Friends Council on Education.
~~Mtg~~ No date was set for a Fellowship Supper as ~~not~~ word had been received from John Perth.
The status of the various memorial Funds was discussed again & Friends agreed to enable them to be lumped together.

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Council, 8th Month, 19th Day

The lighting of the Community House was discussed & it was agreed to recommend that 4 new large hanging light fixtures be installed, together with a dimming switch to control all 4.

It was agreed to recommend a Hayriding Party & Fellowship Supper for 9/17/67 & the Sunday School Picnic for 9/10/67

Paul & Madeleine Spencer were authorized to go ahead & reupholster 2 chairs in the Parsonage

It was agreed to recommend the installation of Natural Gas in the Community House & Parsonage at least for the cooking part for which bottled gas is now in use

No recommendation was made for ~~the~~ donation to the United Arab Appeal.

Howard [illegible]

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Council 9th Month 7th Day
Present: Paul Spencer, Dorothy Smith, Ruth Rowland, Eleanor Tuff, Howard [illegible], Charlotte Conway

Arrangements were completed for the Discussion group to study "Authority / Obedience — a view from the [illegible]". To start 9/24 at 7pm at Eleanor Tuff's

Sunday School arrangements were discussed.

The Fellowship supper was discussed. By the was appointed to try & bring Myra Dennis (CP), Marianna Macomber (F. Cutler), Maria Perry (Sr.) Eugenie Gifford (E Tuff), Viola Hagen.

The different [illegible] of the "Schwer" for the [illegible] piece was discussed. One more round of informal questioning was planned and if nothing was found out the Police would be contacted.

Q.M. M&C Representatives — Stewart Kirkby & Eleanor Tuff.

Dorothy Smith reported a canvass for the meeting's Finances. Request had been a heavy [illegible] for contributions.

A circular from the Anti-Nation Group was ~~read~~ & circulated. Will be noted at M.M.

The estimate of the cost of ~~the~~ resurfacing the parking area of the Meeting House was $400. It was referred to [illegible].

A letter from the Teledyne Corporation was considered. It offered 2 shares of Common Stock for 1 of Preferred Stock (The meeting holds 4 shares). Wesley Cummings was asked to ascertain his opinion on the advisability of this exchange.

Ministry & Counsel 10th Month 12th Day
Present Paul Yeaver, Stuart Hubbelly, Dorothy Smith, Frances Howland, Robt Howland, Charlotte Pomeroy, Eleanor Tripp & Charles Brighton

A letter of application for membership from Richard Macleod was read. Charlotte Pomeroy, Paul Yeaver & Stuart Hubbelly were appointed to visit & report back.

The Nevin Film was reported as available for Dec. 2nd. A fee of $10 was requested for expenses to cover etc.

A letter of appeal from the Westport Point Methodist Church was received. Funds were requested for their new Community House. This request was referred to the monthly meeting.

It was strongly recommended that the Meeting send a representative to the Wilmington Quaker Leadership Seminar. Ted Foster & Stuart Hubbelly were recommended as possible candidates.

After discussion on the Ministering Committee was held. It was agreed that the Monthly meeting be asked to have ~~the~~ Ministry & Counsel act as a Ministering Committee.

It was agreed to recommend to M.M. that we drop out of the Westport Council of Churches, but be prepared to cooperate with other Churches in a Ministerial Assoc.

Stuart Hubbelly

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Council 10th Month 9th Day Present Paul Green Albert Kibbly Charles Brighton, Ruth Herbert Eleanor Taff

The committee that interviewed Richard Macleod reported favorably on his membership application.
A letter requesting membership was received from Wesley Parmenger. Ruth Herbert Dorothy Hull & Albert Kibbly were appointed to visit him.
The question of officers ~~for~~ 1967 was discussed & suggestions made including the formation of a Nomination Committee.
The arrangements for the CBC Film - "the Voyage of the Phoenix" were discussed. Time 8 pm Date 12/2. at Community House. Albert Kibbly to call other churches & meetings in the area.
A tentative schedule of speakers at worship services was approved.
The question of paying property taxes to the Town was discussed, it being felt that this would make for a more effective witness in the community. The matter was referred to Monthly Meeting

Albert Kibbly

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Counsel 12th Month 7th day
Present Eleanor Tuff, Charlotte Panger, Ruth Humbel & Stuart Kibbey

Nominations were discussed for 1968 officers & a slate approved for presentation to Monthly Meeting.
It was agreed to recommend that Committees meet on the 1st Sunday of each month after the Worship Service.
It was agreed to recommend that $10 be sent to CARE
Intervisitation with [illegible]'s Meeting was discussed, especially the showing of slides at first day worship services.
The Christmas Eve program was discussed
It was agreed that the offering from the Worship Service on 12/17 would be sent to the Friends United Meeting for use at the Nairobi Friends Center.
Stuart Kibbey

1968

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Council
1st Month 14th Sept. Present Charles Singleton Frances Haviland Eleanor Taff Ruth Haviland Charlotte Renninger Dorothy Smith Ted Benton & Howard Kerbelly

Ted Benton was appointed Clerk of Ministry & Council, to assume the duties next month.
It was agreed to send a travelling minute with Virginia Tuke for her journey to Sierra Leone, Ghana, Ethiopia & Kenya.
A discussion was held concerning the request of John Zettlemoyer, present Coordinator of the [illegible] Coffee House & an attender at Smith's Neck Meeting, to rent the Parsonage. There was some question of his becoming Executive Secretary of the Meeting. Meeting to talk to him was extended to all members of Ministry & Council & he is to be asked to meet with the group in the next month or two.
The concept of relationship with Allen's Neck Meeting was discussed & approved. A meeting on their [illegible] is to be arranged by the Clerk.
Request for the meeting to discuss & approve the Peace Testimony statement was noted. Copies of the booklet were to be ordered by the Treasurer

Committee and Sunday evening discussion groups arranged. The same to be done for the Continuation Committee report (NEYM) for meetings to decide what they want to commit to peace Friends & send a delegate to an Continuation Conference in October [illegible].

Ministry & Council
2nd month 3rd day, 1968

Present: Ruth Howland, Eleanor Triff,
Charlotte Pomunzio, John Zettlmoyer
Charles Brightman, Stewart Kirkaldy, T Kenton

Discussion of attendance at Friends Witness for Peace on Good Friday 4/12/68. Possibility of attendance by Ruth Howland. It was decided that no overseers necessary.

John Zettlmoyer suggested that organ be tuned & that there is a possibility of getting some one to give a recital. T Kenton said he would look into getting this done.

Some discussion of revision of statement of witness for peace as thrashed out in Sunday discussion group & this will be presented to Monthly Meeting.

Discussion of subsidizing attendance at China Camp of several children from Meeting, & also sending 3 girls from Sunday School to Christian Citizenship Council in Washington, D.C. This idea was approved & will be referred to Monthly Meeting.

Programme for Coffee House to be posted in entry of Meeting House.

Dr. Kirkaldy has spoken at length c̄ Mrs Lenette Corbeer, who has expressed interest in the Meeting.

If Meeting is in need of a Pastor for a funeral service then Arthur Seleman from Allens Neck Meeting will be asked.

Regular Meeting of Ministry & Council
4th Month 7th Day. 1968

Present: Ruth Howland, [illegible], [illegible], Stuart Kirkaldy, John Zittlinger, Francis Howland, & [illegible]

Dr. Kirkaldy presented the problem of the Meeting contributing more regularly to Yearly & National Meeting projects.

Stuart Kirkaldy, Francis & Ruth Howland volunteered to attend Monthly Meeting Ministry & Council.

John Zittlinger asked to express his feelings about Meeting projects. He suggested that the meeting consider working at making Sunday Meeting increasingly ecumenical or an "integrated Meeting" by getting people from other churches & denominations involved. This could be done in line with our [illegible] outside speakers. This will be further discussed at Study Group & Monthly Meeting.

N E Y M Missions Board & United Friends Women have requested that Westport Monthly Meeting be host for their annual meeting.

No one from Meeting attended the Cape Mtg Conference.

Pamphlets ordered for distribution to visitors explaining Friends activities.

Ministry & Council
5th Month 5th Day. 1968

Ruth Howland, Francis Howland, Charles Brightman
Eleanor Tripp, Stewart Kirkaldy, J. Dexter

Discussion of Peace Witness in New Bedford on Sat. June 15, 1968 from the Spring St. Meeting House, N.B. Plans being made by a committee from N. Dartmouth & Westport Meetings.

Discussion of doing something special, i.e. 9 mo subscription of Friends Journal to Gail Paul & Andrew Kirkaldy who will be away at college.

Important to increase subscription to New England Yearly Meeting. An extra $100 will be sent this yr for a total of $250. Related to size of membership Westport Meeting remiss in contribution. Recommended to refer to Monthly Meeting that annual subscription be raised to $250, which would be approximately $10 per @ active member.

Meeting Society to pay for personal Long Distance telephone calls from Parsonage.

Ministry + Council
6th Month 9th Day 1968

Charles Brightman, Charlotte Pomeroy, Eleanor Topp
John Zettlemoyer, Stewart [illegible], J Butler

Membership request of Jacqueline Calhoun discussed & two members of M+C appointed J Butler + C Pomeroy to discuss membership c̄ her + report back at next Ministry + Council.

Mr + Mrs Calhoun volunteered to donate food for book sale in August.

Ed Hinshaw requested old chairs + furniture for China Camp + this will be looked into. Also would like to borrow on Rufus Jones.

Peace Witness is to be held next Saturday at 10AM in New Bedford. Committee to meet in NB Meeting House at 9AM + Vigil to begin in front of NB Library at 10AM following pattern of Boston Witness.

Ministry and Council

7th month 14th day

Stewart Kirkaldy, Frances Howland, Charles Brightman, John Zettlemayer, Ruth Howland, Charlotte Panunzio, J Walton

Annual book sale etc. very successful, total am't taken in not entirely estimated but in excess of $700.00.

John Zettlemayer has declined checks in payment for Meeting activities, at least for summer.

Jackie Calhoun interviewed by J Walton & Mrs Panunzio who felt that she would be an asset to the Meeting & that her beliefs are compatible c̄ those of a true Friend.

Letters of thanks to be sent to Mrs Calhoun for putting on supper & to other persons who contributed time & material.

Ministry & Council
8th Month & 11th day.
Stewart Kirkaldy, Florence Howland, Charlotte Parminger
John Zittlemoyer, Ruth Howland, T. Reuter

Joint meeting c Property Committee concerning the development of rules for community & public use of the Community House.

Suggestion that Community House should not be "let out" for use by individuals or private interests for profit. Some discussion of charges for use. No liquor should be permitted in or around premises. Suggestion that a committee be appointed to compile rules & regulations to be submitted to another joint meeting. This committee to be composed of property committee, plus Eleanor Tripp & Ruth Howland from Ministry & Council.

Concern expressed about upkeep of Quaker Cemetery in Fall River. This will be located & FR authorities queried about title, etc.

Ministry + Council
9th month 22nd day.

Ruth Howland, Frances Howland, Charlotte Panunzio Charles Brightman, Eleanor Tripp, John Zettlemoyer, Stewart Kirkaldy, J Denton

Booklets on "Sermons on Contemporary Quakerism" received + it was felt that nothing new was included + that they were not adequate for Discussion Groups. It was suggested that "Comparative Religion" be substituted.

Quaker Cemetary cleaned up by Neighborhood Youth Corps.

More discussion about utilization of Community House.

Discussion of James Whitney as to having him assume some responsibility in the meeting. General consensus was to continue as we have.

attempts still being made to find a replacement for J. Z. as Coffee House coordinator. He has resigned as he has to work + go to school.

Discussion of offering assistance to Smith Neck Meeting which is losing their Minister + are in no position to pick up as an unprogrammed meeting.

Special Meeting - Ministry & Council
10th month 6th day.

Ruth Howland, Charlotte Panunzio, Eleanor Griff
John Zettlemoyer, & Denton

Meeting called to discuss recommending to Monthly Meeting the Recording in Quarterly Meeting of Dr. J K S Kirkaldy as lay Minister & as having a Gift in Ministry.

It was felt that he has served this function as spiritual leader for some time & has been the salvation of the Meeting. Consequently it was unanimously approved to notify the members of the Monthly Meeting that a special meeting will be held in 1 week to discuss Recording the Ministry of J K S Kirkaldy in the Westport Monthly Meeting of Friends.

11th Month - 17

JKS Shibaldy, John Zettlemoyer, Ruth Howland
Francis Howland, Eleanor triffe, Charles Brightman, [illegible]
Wesley Panunzio

Clerk brought up matter of nominations for Meeting Offices & it was decided that Ministry & Council should function as a nominating committee.

Eleanor Brightman has requested that her name ~~has been~~ removed as Trustee & this will be kept in mind.

W. Panunzio reported on his attendance to Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, mainly That Y.M. is concerned c̄ its relationships to the Monthly Meetings.

Problem c̄ Duplicating Machine & the Company presently servicing machine. Suggestion made to change to Duplicating Equip. in N.B. who have given good service to Meeting members.

Ministry & Council
12th Month - 8 - '68

JKS Kirkaldy, Ruth Howland, Eleanor Tripp, ML Denton, John Zettlemoyer, W. Pomminger, [illegible]

Membership application from Myrtle White & son formally received & considered. Two members of M&C appointed to interview Mrs White & son Ronnie & to report back to next Ministry & Council. Charlotte Pomminger volunteered as did Eleanor Tripp.

Nominations for Meeting Offices discussed. Ruth Tripp requested that she be dropped from Flower Comm. as she now lives in NB & doesn't have a garden. Also implied that she should be replaced on Finance Comm. Jackie Calhoun suggested for Finance Comm. Frankie Kirkaldy nominated to Flower Committee. However, Ruth Howland has been doing a lot of work c̄ flowers & her name added to Flower Comm.

Suggested that a Christmas basket should be given by Meeting to Myrtle White. ML Denton appointed as chairman of a committee to make arrangements.

Theresa Gifford nominated to replace Eleanor Brightman as a Trustee as she is a long term, active member.

Remainder of committee memberships should remain unchanged.

1969

Regular Ministry & Counsel Meeting 1st Month 12th Day

Ruth Hurlbut, Eleanor Triff, Charlotte Pennington
Frances Hurlbut, Allan Singleton, John Titterington
& Stuart Hartley

Eleanor Triff & Charlotte Pennington reported on their visitation with Myrtle White. ~~It was agreed~~ agreed to recommend her to the monthly meeting for membership. Delegates were appointed to Ministry & [illegible] Got – Ruth Hurlbut, Ted Dunton, Charlotte Pennington, Eleanor Triff.

Hartley

Ministry & Council - 2nd month 16th dy. 1969

Ruth Howland, Charlotte Penniger, Francis Howland, Charles Brightman, Stewart Kibaldy, J Leader
John Zettlemoyer

Clerk presented his "Spiritual State of Meeting" to be reported to Quarterly Meeting. A copy attached. M&C unanimously approved of this statement c the added emphasis that there remains much more that can be done.

John Zettlemoyer pointed out that Friends have become withdrawn & that they should "come out of the woodwork" & make themselves known.

Discussion of new books that should be ordered for Meeting library. It was decided that the Clerk should order those books the Library Committee reccomends.

Ministry & Council 3rd Mo 9th Day.

S. Kirkaldy, Frankie Kirkaldy, C. Panunzio,
Ruth Howland, Francis Howland, John Zettlemoyer.

Clerk read announcement of conference for members of ministry & council at Beacon Hill Friends House. Mrs. Panunzio expressed interest, as did Ruth Howland.

The Annual NEF witness for Peace in Boston will be held on Good Friday & notice would be important for Meeting members to make arrangements to participate. J. Zettlemoyer designated as overseer & will assist members who desire to participate.

Sixth Month - Fifteenth Day

S. Kirkaldy, Charlotte Panunzio, Ruth Howland, Francis Howland, John Zettlemoyer, Eleanor Triff, T Denton

John Zettlemoyer requested leave as Exec. Sec. of Meeting to work for United Friends Service Committee as Co-Director of youth service camp in Dorchester, Mass.

Annual Book Fair is again imminent & arrangements are being made for July 12. Donations of books have been gratifying.

Some discussion of the Quaker Peace Witness on the steps of US Capitol c̄ arrest of demonstrating Quakers but release of Congressmen involved even though they waived their congressional immunity.

T Denton

Eigth Month - Seventeenth Day.

Ruth Howland, Eleanor Tripp, Leslie Panunzio, Stewart Kirkaldy, John Zettlemoyer, Charles Brightman, William Smith, Milton Borden, T Denton

Problems c̄ getting the support of the meetings of the Quarterly Meeting for the SMU Coffee House. Only two Meetings, the Westport & Allen's Neck, are current in their contributions.

At past Quarterly Meeting the survival of QM was discussed along c̄ possible alternatives. The various component meetings will be queried & this topic will be discussed further in the Fall.

Ninth Month - Fourteenth Day. '69

Ruth Howland, Eleanor Tripp, Stewart Kirkaldy, Charles Brightman, Weslie Panunzio, V Denton. Frankie Kirkaldy, Charlotte Panunzio

Sunday School was discussed. Very few of the young people have expressed interest. The group expressed the feeling that effort should be made to have a Sunday gathering for the young children, even though the number would be few. As before, this will be supervised by Charlotte Panunzio. To be started at the end of Sept.

Tenth Month - Twelfth day

Stewart Kirkaldy, Ruth Howland, Eleanor Tripp
Charles Brightman, Mr. & Mrs. Milton Borden,
John Zettlemayer, Wesley and Charlotte Panunzio

F.C.N.L. group meeting of local meetings discussed

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting announced to be held in Swansea, Sunday, Oct. 19, 1969

Meeting house will be opened on Wed. Oct. 15, 1969 @ 12 N. for unprogrammed meeting regarding "peace day" - Vietnam.

Quaker Leadership Seminar Jan. 19-23, 1970 mentioned. Topic "What Is Security" - reservations in order, see pamphlet.

Next monthly meeting appoint someone as representative - Yearly meeting.

Twelfth Month - Fourteenth Day.

Stewart Kirkaldy, Ruth Howland, Eleanor Triff,
Charles Brightman, John Zettlemoyer, T Dexter

Discussion of officers for the forthcoming yr. The present slate was largely continued c̄ few exceptions.

Milton Borden will be asked to replace Charles Brightman who withdrew.

Some question of continuing Dorothy Smith as Recording clerk or whether or not this should be combined c̄ Executive Sec.

JKS Kirkaldy added to Finance Comm. & Jacky Calhoun & ML Dexter dropped.

Richard Mockard no longer in area so a new Peace & Social Concern Sec. needed, possibly J. Zettlemoyer.

Membership of Myrtle White again mentioned for reproposal to Meeting

1970

1st Month 18th Day

Albert Keebly, Eleanor Truff, Ruth Hurled, Frances Hurd, Jacqueline Cotton, John Zettlemoyer

John Zettlemoyer requested permission to leave Watford Friends Meeting for an 8 month period, with no obligation upon the meeting to re employ him on his return. Agreed by Meeting ~~of~~ Friends.

Albert Keebly reported on the hopes of starting a Youth Group.

The discussion group at Eleanor Truff's was mentioned & "the Moral Challenge of Communism" suggested as a topic.

A T Keebly

2nd Month 1st Day.

Stewart Kirkaldy, Tacki Calhoun, Francine Kirkaldy, Marilyn Painter, Charlotte Pommazine, Ruth Howland, Eleanor Triff, Francis Howland, T. Seiler

Clerk discussed his conversation c̄ Ed. Hinshaw concerning the obtaining of an Executive Sec. He offered 3 or 4 possibilities in that there are young friends who do not want ministerial positions but who are concerned. Ed. Hinshaw will bring down several candidates for interview.

Some discussion as to responsibilities of Ex. Sec. including youth activities, occ. messages + correspondence.

4th Month 5 Day 1970

Stewart Kirkaldy, Jackie Calhoun, Frankie Kirkaldy,
Weslie & Charlotte Panunzio, Ruth Howland
Eleanor Tripp, Theodore Denton

Ministry & Council apprised that new Exec. Sec. to join Meeting in 4-6 wks. William Franz.

Some discussion of annual report to be submitted on the Spiritual state of the Meeting which was approved, read to entire meeting & will be forwarded to Quarterly Meeting.

Continuation of discussion on rules & regulations for use of Community House. Some question as to the safety of using candles in Coffee House

Heated dialogue about the validity of subject matter being taught in Sunday School. Some parents distressed that children are not being taught strict ethics of behavior. The general consensus of opinion is that children should be taught to "think" & not a rigid structure of behavior.

5th Month 17th Day.

Jackie Calhoun, Ruth Howland, Eleanor Tripp, Stewart Kirkcaldy, Marilyn Denton, Frankie Kirkcaldy Denton, Weslie Penunzio,

Wil Franz will probably go to Yearly Meeting & is also attempting to get his drivers license. Wil is beginning his community contacts & so far the reception has been favorable. Recommendation made that Wil's expenses be paid at Yearly Meeting.

Book Sale to be held on July 11 & efforts should begin to collect books.

7th Month - 19th Day.

Present were - Stewart Kirkaldy, Jackie Calhoun
Charlotte Panunzio, Frances Howland, Eleanor Tripp,
Weslie Panunzio, Wil Franz, J Denton

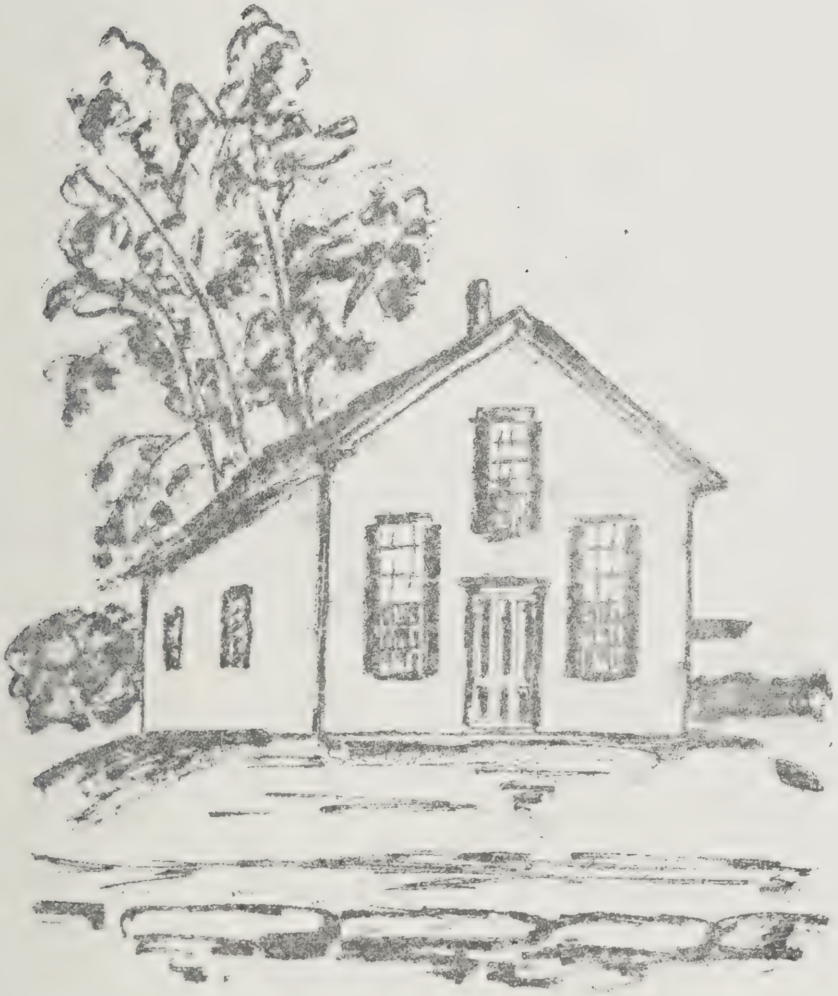
Beyond precident!! two applications for Meeting membership - Douglas Rediford & Andrew Kirkaldy.

Douglas Rediford also is considering being married in the Meeting on short notice. He was planning to be married otherwise but other arrangements broke down. His application for membership has made him consider a "Friends Wedding".

Doug.' has been active in the Meeting for several months & seemingly is embued c̄ the beliefs of the "Friends". Consequently his membership application was approved unanimously by Ministry & Council & a committee was appointed to counsel c̄ both Douglas & Andrew.

Jacie Calhoun & J Denton will visit c̄ Andrew Kirkaldy.

Eleanor Tripp, Weslie & Charlotte Panunzio, & Stewart Kirkaldy will form a Committee of Clearance for marriage & membership & visit Doug. Rediford.



WESTPORT FRIENDS MEETING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week message by
Stewart Kirkaldy

Ministry and Counsel after Worship
Meeting Today

WESTPORT FRIENDS MEETING

FIRST DAY

DATE: 2-1-76

ORGAN PRELUDE:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HYMN: # 480

SCRIPTURE READING:

MEDITATION:

MESSAGE: "The Time Between"

REFLECTION:

OFFERING:

HYMN: # 325 O Master, Let Me walk c̄ thee

BENEDICTION: A Handshake

GOOD MORNING
TO ALL

CLERK:
Stewart Kirkaldy

STATISTICIAN:
Evelyn E. Weston

ORGANIST:
Theresa M. Gifford

MINISTRY & COUNSEL:
T.G. Denton
Frances A. Howland
Ruth L. Howland
Milton E. Borden
Jaqueline Calhoun
Eleanor Tripp
Charlotte Panunzio

TRUSTEES:
Dorothy W. Smith
Evelyn E. Weston
Theresa M. Gifford

AUDITOR:
Blanche L. Brackett

FLOWER COMMITTEE:
Eleanor Tripp
Ruth L. Howland

CUSTODIAN:
Milton E. Borden

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

RECORDING CLERK:
Dorothy W. Smith

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT:
Charlotte Panunzio

FINANCE COMMITTEE:
Wesley C. Panunzio
William J. Smith
Treasurer
Ruth L. Howland
Asst. Treasurer

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:
T.G.Denton
Chester A. Gifford
Milton E. Borden
Frances B.Kirkaldy

PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERN
CORRESPONDENCE:

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
COORDINATOR:
Maud Brownell

TELEPHONES:
Parsonage:
636-4963
Community House:
636-8360

8th Month - 9th Day.
Stewart Kirkaldy, Francis Howland, Wil Franz, Ruth Howland
Ted Denton

Discussion by various members of application for membership by Andrew Kirkaldy & Doug Radford. Both of these individuals will be recommended for membership to the Monthly Meeting.

Sept. 13, 1970
Present: Stewart Kirkaldy, Thomas Howland, Ruth Howland
Jackie [illegible], Mr. & Mrs. Milton Borden
Eleanor Tripp, Charlotte Panunzio, Wil Franz
Spiritual concern - "Is parsonage being used as a 'hippie pad'?"

Jackie does not want unattached females unchaperoned sleeping in parsonage.

Community house may be used for sleep-ins -

Wil Franz notified members that he may federally indicted soon regarding draft evasion.

10th Month 11th Day

Present Will Frazey, Ruth Hurlbut, Frances Hurlbut & Stuart Hartley

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter of resignation from the Meeting from Jacqueline Callam. The resignation was accepted with regret & will be announced at Monthly Meeting.

Will Frazey reported on the progress of arrangements for a program on Peace during next month, probably the 14th. Also that he had spoken to Tom Waring about their coming to talk about Friends' ~~business~~ procedure.

The starting up of a ~~Sewing~~ discussion group was discussed.

Stuart Hartley

11th Month, 8th Day

Present Will Frazey, Ruth Hurlbut, Frances Hurlbut, Eleanor Tuff, Charlotte Pannunzio

A letter of application was received from Rosemary & Jean Kinnison requesting visitation ~~with~~ from Ministry & Counsel with a view to membership. Eleanor Tuff & Stuart Hartley were appointed to visit officially with them.

Intervisitation with Albany Meeting was

discussed & a tentative date of 11/22 agreed upon.
Will Feeney asked for suggestions for speakers for worship services for next month.

Stuart Hubbell

12th Month 13th Day
Present Keith Rowland, Wesley (for Charlotte) Cummings, Will Feeney, Stuart Hubbell

Stuart Hubbell reported that he & Eleanor Tuff had visited the Cummings & that they both felt that membership should be recommended to Monthly Meeting.
M & C of Sandwich QM will meet on 1/10/71 at Mattapoisett Meeting House.
M & C approved taking from the Bond issue for [illegible] college. The sum tentatively offered was $1000.
The question of relatively small attendance at Meeting was raised. The suggestion was made that more coffee hours should be held, possibly on the 4th First Day.
Further discussion was held on the speakers for Meeting.

Stuart Hubbell

1971

3rd Month 14th Day

Present Milton Borden, Eleanor Triff, Frances Harland, Ruth Harland, Will Fravey, Stuart Kirkaldy

Will Fravey spoke of a proposed educational program with speakers on the AFSC, Racism & the Draft. Ministry & Counsel approved the program.

Spiritual state of the meeting - letter not read.

Discussion of speakers from outside the meeting & inside.

Sandra Sykes membership was discussed.

5th Month 9th Day

Present Milton Borden, Eleanor Triff, Ruth Harland, Stuart Kirkaldy, Will Fravey

It was agreed to ask Frances Harland to act as Clerk of Ministry & Council.

Because of shortness of time it was agreed to meet at 7:30 pm on 5/16 to discuss concerns at greater length.

matter of [illegible] a [illegible]
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be [illegible]

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Coming [illegible] Report

Approved Well [illegible]
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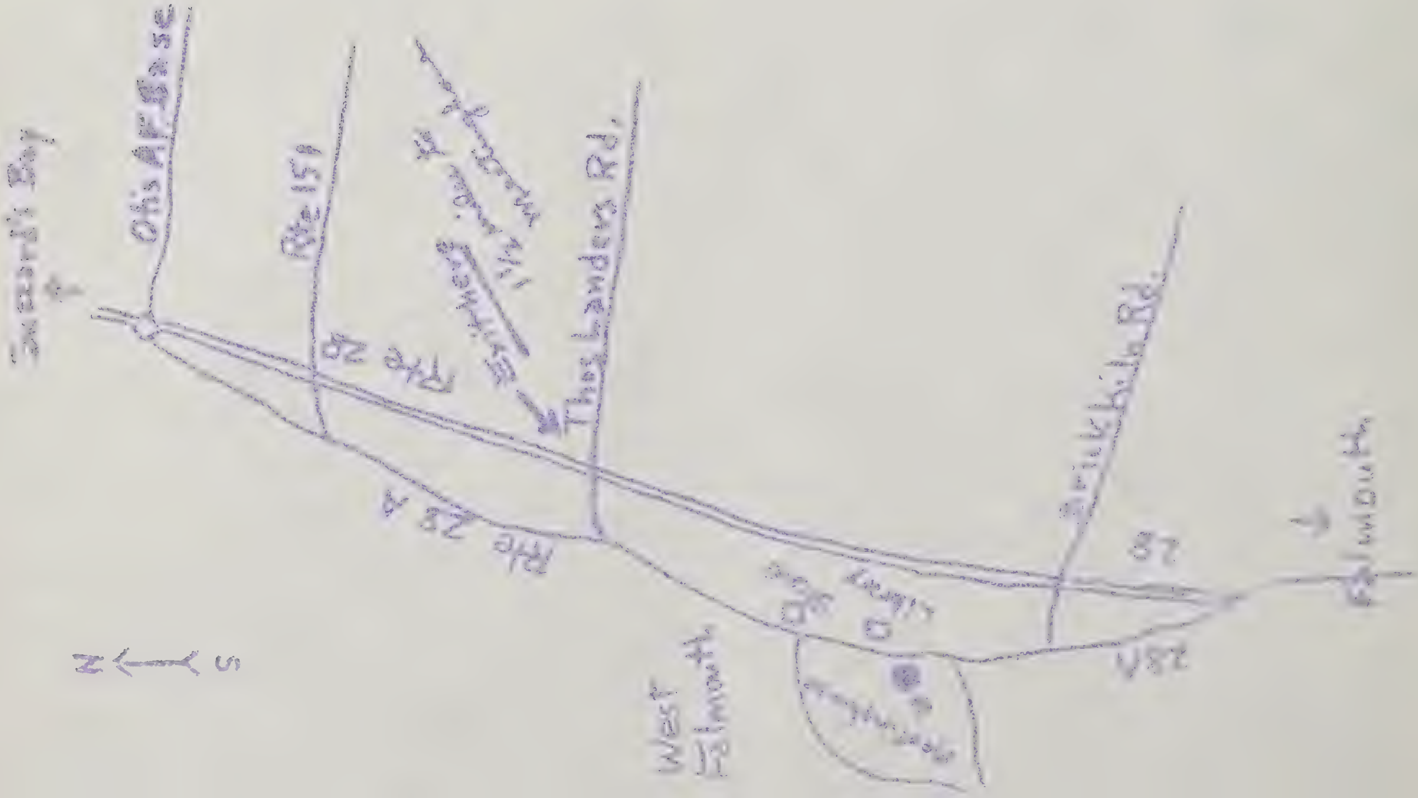
approved.

SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING

July 18, 1971

11:00 - 12:00	Worship - W. Falmouth Meetinghouse
12:30 -	Lunch (Dessert & beverage will be provided)
1:30 -	Business
2:00 -	Louise McManus will tell of her just completed world tour.
2:30	Social time - Nearby home Friendly conversation Swimming Volley ball Croquet
4:00	Closing worship

We have structured this Quarterly Meeting with worship here 11:00 to 12:00; or if you are more comfortable, come after worship in your home meeting. Formal business should be brief, with the afternoon given over to recreation and visiting socially together. Younger Friends will find interesting diversions.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7th mo. 11 day Meeting of Ministry & Counsel
Those present Charlotte Panunzio Carl Homer and & Eleanor Tripp Theresa Gifford, Stewart Kirkaldy, Will Franz Frances Howland, Not present Milton Burdon
It was agreed that Frances Howland serve as Clerk of Ministry & Counsel.

It was approved by this group that Will Franz be given Leave of Absence in August.

It was also approved that Will Franz serve as our representative on the Yearly Meeting Ministry & Counsel.

The matter of contacting non-attending members was raised and it was suggested that some form of "follow up" be made by visitations to see what the Meeting can do for them or to ascertain if they wish to be released from membership for any reason. It was agreed that we would have assessed the membership list at our next Ministry & Counsel Mtg and prepare to start our survey in Sept.

No further business the meeting adjourned to meet Aug. 1971

Respectfully submitted Frances Howland
Clerk

3rd mo. Ministry & Counsel

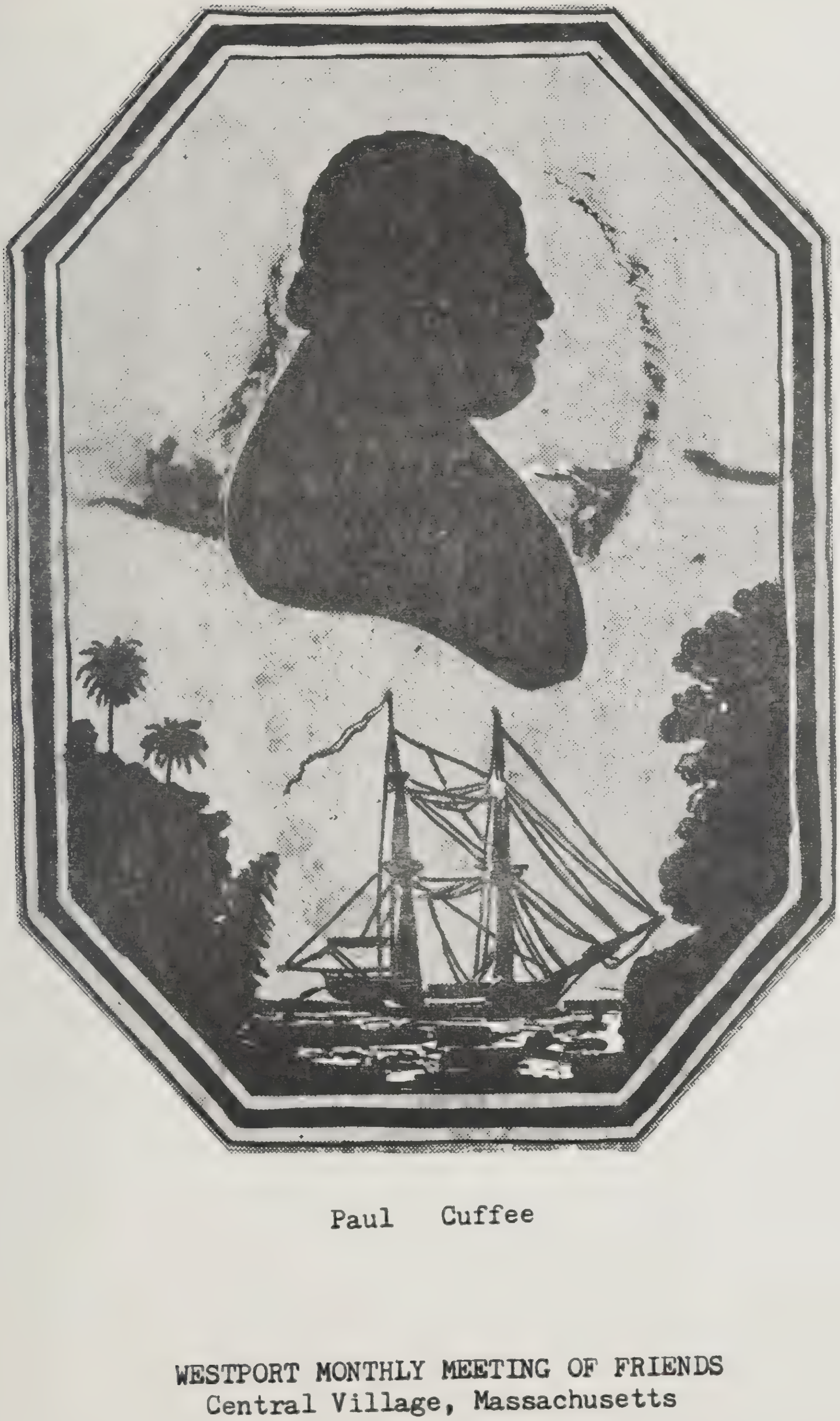
Matter of contacting members laid over. Question of offering brought up. Matter of Faith & Practice copies be distributed. No decisions reached.

11th mo. Members in attendance Ruth Howland, Marietta Cavanagh, Eleanor Tripp, Milton Kirdon, Will Terry, Mabel Howland, Samuel Kennedy.

Will Terry reported on [illegible] Conference — suggested intervisitation of meetings. Despite general concern regarding practicality [illegible] [illegible] reports [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] workshop in the future.

[illegible] of Study Group activated.

[illegible] & Will Terry to work out proper outreach into community through local papers & [illegible] [illegible] — a notice to print [illegible] at [illegible] month.



Paul Cuffee

WESTPORT MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
Central Village, Massachusetts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly Meeting next week.

WESTPORT FRIENDS MEETING

FIRST DAY

DATE: Dec. 12, 1971

ORGAN PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: 375

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:18-27

MEDITATION

MESSAGE: The Needle's Eye - D. Redifer

REFLECTION

HYMN: 457

BENEDICTION: A HANDSHAKE

The uninterrupted life of our Meeting spans 255 years. The original Meeting House was built in 1716. In 1813 Paul Cuffee shouldered the major responsibility of rebuilding the Meeting House. The Meeting House which stands today was remodeled in 1872.

Captain Paul Cuffee, born of a freedman father and an Indian mother at Cuttyhunk in 1759, was one of our most prominent members in the 19th century. Paul Cuffee later moved to Westport and joined our Meeting in 1808. Famed as a master mariner, Cuffee received special certificates from this Society of Friends four times, twice bearing certificates with him to the coast of Africa. A defender of the Black man's rights and a philanthropist, he built a school at his own expense on his property for all to attend. Paul Cuffee died in 1817 and is buried in the cemetery behind the Meeting House.

Meeting every First Day
10:45 a.m.

Parsonage: 636-4963
Community House: 636-8860

12 mo. 13th da.

Ministry & Counsel Members present

Christmas Eve service to be held
with hymns, & readings & Story of Other Wise Man
Suggestions made on having speakers on
subjects pertaining to Race Relations.
Project of Christmas Offering for a needy
family or families in Town. That suggestion
of being anonymous be ~~[illegible]~~ approved & the
Offering be sent with Best Wishes from Friends
Meeting.

2nd mo. 5th day [illegible]

Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel regular meeting.
Members present. Blanch Brackett, Charlotte Bump, Eleanor
Tripp, Florence Keenan, Thomas Kimberly, Will Frey and
Ruth Hawkins

Ruth Hawkins was made Clerk.

Will Frey suggested a special meeting of Ministry and
Counsel to bring membership list up to date and make
the State of Society Report. It was agreed to meet at
Blanch Brackett's on Feb. 19.

It was brought up that Ministry and Counsel
function the ministry of [illegible] [illegible] the use of a [illegible]

are deeds of [illegible] so appropriate to Quakers.

Stewart Kimberly read a letter from Joe Hastings of the Meeting for Sufferings of Southeastern Yearly Meeting expressing a concern that they welcome members of the Society of Friends of other meetings in their area.

Ruth F. Howland

2nd month 17th/71

A special meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held at the home of Blanche Brackett. Present were Eleanor Dopp, Blanche Brackett, Florence Howland, Lawrence Kennison, Will Fanning and Ruth Howland.

Lawrence Kennison was named to draft a letter to our absent members who are away to see if they are still interested in membership or would like to put in contact with a nearby Meeting or Church.

Florence Howland was named to write a special letter to Earl Wood who has expressed a desire to be dropped from membership.

The State of Society Report was discussed and Florence Howland and Ruth Howland would write the report.

Ruth F. Howland

1st month [illegible]

The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held with Stewart Kimberly, Blanch Brandon, Frances Howland, Willie Young and Ruth Howland present.

Frances Howland read a letter sent to Earl Wood and also a letter received from him expressing a desire to be dropped from the records of the meeting. The request was granted and will be brought before the regular Monthly Meeting.

The State of Society report was read and approved with the recommendation one section on our feeling to reach out to some [illegible] be made a little stronger.

Willie Young requested use of the Meeting House by the [illegible] [illegible] on March 17 for a program for the [illegible], it was approved with the understanding there would be no smoking.

Ruth L. Howland

4th Month 2nd 1972

The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held with the following members in attendance, Charlotte Pennington, Milton Borden, Will Frang, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

2 requests for membership were received from Bob and Martha Keith and Charlotte Pennington and Ruth Howland were named to visit with them.

The State of Society Report was read and approved.

Will Frang reported that he, Jean Kirkaldy, Doug Kidder, Wesley Pennington, [illegible] and [illegible] attended the [illegible] Lectures in Boston.

Ruth S. Howland

5th Month 7th 1972

Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a few moments of silence.

Present were Will Frang, Stewart Kirkaldy, [illegible] Brackett, Eleanor Tripp, Milton Borden, [illegible] Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Stewart Kirkaldy announced an invitation had been received from the Friends World College to attend commencement and a luncheon on May 14.

Will Frang expressed the appreciation of [illegible]

England Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel for the hospitality of Westport Monthly Meeting on April 22.

Will Frazy and Lawrence Kennison were asked to draft a letter to be sent to members.

Ruth L. Howland

6th month 4th 1972

The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held with the following members present, Milton Borden, Rhoda Sackett, Eleanor Trapp, Lawrence Kennison, Will Frazy, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

A letter prepared by Will Frazy and Lawrence Kennison, to be sent to members was read and approved; the names of members were read and those to be sent letters were checked.

A communication was received from Evelyn Winter noting Junior members over 21 should be notified and asked ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ if they wish to become full members or dropped from the rolls.

A special meeting will be held next First day to determine the letters to members of Ministry and Counsel to be sent to visiting members.

Ruth L. Howland

March 2nd [illegible]

The regular meeting of Ministry and Council was held and opened with a moment of silence.

The first two queries from Faith and Practice, Ministry and Council were read.

Members present were Will Tracy, Charlotte Granger, Blanche Brasher, Susan Tripp, Stewart Kennedy, [illegible] Kennison and Ruth Howland.

The names of members to receive letters were distributed to the members of Ministry and Council.

An application for transfer of membership from junior to active member was received from [illegible]. [illegible] Kennison and Ruth Howland were named to visit with her.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth [illegible]

8th Month 6th/77

The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with a moment of silence followed by the reading of the third query for Ministry and Counsel from Faith and Practice.

Present were Stewart Kimberly, Edward Brackett, Charlotte Fauntze, Eleanor Lupp, Kenneth Thompson, Will Terry and Ruth Howard.

It was decided that letters to absent members would be signed by the member writing letter. Stewart Kimberly and Ruth Howard.

Terry Koerner reported on the visit to Chas Wood and his application for membership was approved.

A contribution of $25 was received from Lucy Gifford.

Will Terry was asked to speak to the [illegible] of the West End Day Nursery about complaints received from neighbors.

It was suggested we hold a coffee time after Sunday. To be followed by report of yearly meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth L. Howard

9/[illegible]

The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held at [illegible] Farm and opened with a moment of silence.

Members Present ----- Charlotte Pennington, Walt Leroy, Terry Henderson, Edwin [illegible], Frances Barker, Stewart Kimberly and Ruth Howland.

Letters were received from Edward [illegible] Jr. and Ella Bronnell. Ella Hampton's requested to be dropped as a member as she has joined the Unitarian Church in Birmingham, Michigan. Ella Bronnell [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and Stewart Kimberly and Frances Barker were named to meet with her.

Joan [illegible] [illegible] membership, expressing a desire to remain a member.

Walt Leroy announced he and Terry and Joan Henderson would attend Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel retreat at Friendly Crossroads in [illegible], Mass. Sept 15-17. Ministry and Counsel approved paying their expenses for the week end. (Oct [illegible])

Stewart Kimberly asked for Ministry and Counsel's feeling on the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have been [illegible] members [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Respectfully submitted
Ruth L Howland

7/11/32

The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with a moment of silence.

Present were Frances Howland, Florence Kenerson, Charlotte [illegible], Ernest [illegible] and Ruth Howland. Jean Kenerson was also present as a member of Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel and announced a meeting on [illegible] 4 in Dover N.H.

A letter was received from [illegible] who expressed the desire to become a member of [illegible] Monthly Meeting.

Members of Ministry and Counsel expressed approval of the worship services as they are at present.

Frances Howland was asked to write a letter to Peggy [illegible] and her new husband congratulating them on their recent marriage and inviting them to worship with us.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth F. Howland

11/5/58

The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held with the following members in attendance: Frances Howland, Eleanor Tripp, Edward Brinkler, Charlotte Parmigo, Walt Frary, Stewart Kimberly and Ruth Howland.

Charlotte Parmigo reported on the Ministry and Counsel workshop held in Dover NH.

Walt Frary reported that he had attended the Quarter Meeting on the recent day.

Stewart Kimberly suggested calling members who have not replied to our letter and it was decided to have him contact them by telephone.

Donations were received from Mr and Mrs Thomas Trueblood and Ruth Heath.

Stewart Kimberly asked me to check about the new discussion group and many books suggested were "Testament of Devotion" "Dr Schweitzer and his Religion" and "Friends called Quakers".

Walt Frary was asked to check about becoming a member of the Meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth E Howland

12/11/51

The regular meeting of Worship and Ministry opened with a period of silence.

Friends present were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Dora Gray, Blanche [illegible], [illegible] Gray, Stewart Kimberly and Ruth Harland. [illegible] [illegible] a member of [illegible] of New England Yearly Meeting was also present.

Letters were received from Emily and Guy Gifford stating [illegible] to remain members.

A letter was received from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the desire to remain a member but on an inactive list.

Stewart Kimberly also reported [illegible] communicating with Howard Gifford, who also expressed a desire to remain a member on the inactive list.

Stewart Kimberly reported on the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] in Hartford. [illegible] [illegible] felt it was a very [illegible] meeting for [illegible].

It was suggested we hold an unprogrammed meeting December 24 and a programmed meeting on Christmas day at which time Stewart Kimberly would speak.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth E. Harland

1/3/71

The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

The first portion from Faith and Practice for Ministry and Counsel was read.

Members present were Charlotte [illegible], Rebecca [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] Eleanor [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], Howard Kimberly, Miss Fancy and Ruth Howland.

Ruth Howland was named to serve as Clerk.

Members were asked to consider the State of Society and bring suggestions to next meeting of Ministry and Counsel.

Contributions were received from Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Howard [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

Howard Kimberly reported on his visit with Dorothy and William Smith and also that he has expressed the appreciation of the Meeting in a letter to [illegible] [illegible] for her serving as Treasurer for the past Twenty years.

A letter was received from [illegible] [illegible] for permission to use the Meeting House for her wedding on April [illegible]. This was approved with the condition to make own arrangements for Minister and expenses.

Miss Fancy asked permission in behalf of [illegible] [illegible] to have a meeting [illegible] program which will [illegible] [illegible] in May or June.

We then [illegible] adjourned to attend the Meeting.

a Conference on Fair Rivers on June 12 which would have to meet ... the present for Monthly Meeting in the first discussion group. This was approved.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth L. Howland

2nd/1st/71

The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held with the following members present, Alfreda Crockett, Eleanor Sapp, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kissam, Frances Howland, Charlotte Pessinger, Stewart Kirkbury, Lee Lacy and Ruth Howland.

Frances Howland reported she had answered Scott Kinsella's request for use of the Meeting House for his wedding in April.

It was approved a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Ashworth and also a donation made to AFSC in memory of Mr. Ashworth.

It was approved we continue with use of the program now begun at present with a change in the manner of registration and invitations.

Frances Howland reported use of the Community Room for a meeting of a planning Committee for Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel — Feb 15 from 3-4. This was approved.

She also reported use of the Meeting House for Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel on March 25.

Walt Long, Lorraine Kennison, Stewart Kennedy and Ruth Howland were named to write the State of Society Report.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth E. Howland

[illegible] The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with a moment of silence.

Members present were: Eleanor Lapp, Eleanor Brooks, Charlotte Grainger, Frances Hosler, Walt Long, Stewart Kennedy and Ruth Howland.

Stewart Kennedy asked guidance on a request to perform a graveside service for Gertrude Wood. It was agreed he would serve as representative. He had received a formal request from the family that it be conducted under the auspices of the Meeting.

The State of Society report was read and approved.

It was agreed to have Walt make up a sheet expressing the principles and beliefs of Friends. These would be given to members and attenders to try and help them understand Friends and their heritage [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] cont. The question of starting a Sunday School was discussed and it was agreed each member would [illegible] before starting one.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth E. [illegible]

4th mo/14/73 [illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible] opened with a moment of silence.

The first, second and fourth queries for Ministry and Counsel were read.

Members present were Elizabeth Brooks, [illegible] [illegible] Ferguson, Jean [illegible], Charlotte [illegible], Will [illegible], Stewart [illegible] and Ruth [illegible] -

Stewart reported he had been notified that arrangements had been made for the [illegible] [illegible]. He also reported he had talked with Mr. [illegible] who had expressed an interest in the Meeting.

[illegible] reported he is working on the card that is to be put out and also the new programs are ready.

[illegible] reported on the work of [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] has extended several [illegible] to the members of Monthly Meeting. It was approved [illegible] $5.00 to help with expenses for the [illegible].

Respectfully submitted Ruth E. [illegible]

[illegible]

Meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with a time of silence. Members in attendance were Edward Franklin, Duncan Fogg, Charlotte [illegible], Jean and Harry Rennison, Frances Howland, Will Long and [illegible].

Dr. Ruth Howland, Clerk, was not able to attend. Frances Howland acted as Clerk.

Minutes of previous meeting were read.

Will Long read a letter from [illegible], also a letter received from Mrs McAllister regarding [illegible] [illegible], Monday and first [illegible] with Monthly Meeting.

It was approved by Ministry and Counsel that we are deeply concerned with the work of the deaconess at [illegible] and [illegible] Will Long in sharing in that concern the Meeting give Will ~~[illegible]~~ $50.00 per ~~month~~ trip toward his traveling expenses.

A list of representatives to New England Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel should be appointed next meeting. Also representatives to Finance and Nominating Committees. It was approved by Ministry and Counsel that Harry Rennison serve as our representative to Yearly Meeting.

Jean Rennison gave a report on Ministry and Counsel Workshop held at [illegible] House.

The Meeting to be held May 31 at [illegible] approved by both [illegible] Meeting, [illegible] an Executive Committee were appointed.

Will Perry informed Ministry and Counsel that he is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

It was noted that the Circular explaining "Meaning of Friends Worship" and at the [illegible] of [illegible] purposes [illegible] having been approved by Stewart Kimberly and all other members of Ministry and Counsel.

The program has been [illegible].

Respectfully submitted,

Florence R. Howland Acting Clerk

Oct 2nd 19[illegible]

Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a moment of silence. Present were Lucy and Jean [illegible], Florence Howland, Eleanor [illegible], Blanche [illegible], Will Perry, Stewart Kimberly and Ruth Howland.

Stewart Kimberly announced a letter has been received from the lawyer for the [illegible] estate and it was suggested that Will get in touch with the lawyer to try and get more details.

Will announced that [illegible] has [illegible] informed [illegible] of the [illegible] to be printed. [illegible] ready [illegible] [illegible].

Westport Meeting has been asked to have another meeting in [illegible] [illegible] Friends [illegible] Meetings. The date is to be announced. A similar meeting was held in South Dartmouth a couple of weeks ago.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

7/14/93 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel held their regular meeting with Charlotte Bowman acting as Clerk in the absence of Ruth Howland.

It was agreed to continue to have contact with absent members after yearly meeting, either by calling or personal contact. Will agreed to send the newsletter to absent and inactive but interested non-attenders.

Will requested Don Ashley to bring up at yearly meeting the provision of memberships under all monthly meetings for those specific problems regarding membership and health of the members.

It was reported [illegible] of a group funded by the Department of the Interior is looking for historical sites dealing with black history, namely any former [illegible] stations. It was reported Friends [illegible] have [illegible] when the Cemetery is nearly full with the south side having some space.

Will announced a reporter has visited the meeting with the possibility of doing an article on Paul Cuffee and the meeting.

The July Quarterly Meeting will be held at Smith Neck July 15th rather than at Bedford and we will host Quarterly Meeting later when it is Smith Neck's turn. We appreciate the way it was worked out as it makes the day after our book fair and the day before the West End Day Turkey dinner.

Respectfully submitted Ruth L. Howland

9th mo 5th/72 The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with a moment of silence. The fourth and fifth queries from Faith and Practice for Ministry and Counsel were read.

Members present were Eleanor Trapp, Frances Howland, Walt Terry, Terry and Jean Harrison, Stewart Kennedy and Ruth Howland.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Eleanor Trapp reported that Hope [illegible] Fisher had packed up our old record books that are to be stored in the archives in Providence; it was also noted that some of these need repairs and Ministry and Counsel would recommend to Monthly Meeting that this be taken care of.

Walt announced that Andy Bennett will be working with Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel which will be holding conferences in the future.

A letter was read from Atty Richard Cary Paull who has been contracted to represent the Meeting concerning the sale of the Friends property. It was approved that Stewart contact Atty Paull regarding the letter which we feel contains an error in the wording.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth L. Howland

8/21/73 A special meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held to act on a request for marriage from Jay Eric Keefe and Sharon Ruth Wood to be held on September 15 under the care of the meeting.

Stewart Kirkaldy and Jean Kinnamon were named to meet with the couple.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth E. Howland

9/2/73 The regular meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a moment of silence.

Members present were [illegible] Jean Kinnamon, Frances Howland, Bernard [illegible], Eleanor Tripp, Will Terry, Stewart Kirkaldy, Charlotte [illegible] and Ruth Howland.

Stewart Kirkaldy ~~reported~~ reported on the Flood property and the Committee that had been named to meet with Mrs. Flood had been unable to do so as she had turned the matter over to her attorney and did not wish to meet with them. The matter has now been turned over to Atty [illegible] to be settled legally, [illegible] a [illegible] for [illegible].

Jean Kinnamon reported on the meeting with Sharon Wood and Jay Eric Keefe, concerning their marriage and a favorable report was recommended to the Monthly Meeting.

Will Terry announced that [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] Meeting has left the area for a new position with New England Yearly Meeting.

Will requested the [illegible] of us to be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Board Meeting [illegible] [illegible]. Ministry and Counsel approved the request and also that a minute from the Meeting be sent to [illegible] Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth K. [illegible]

10th m 1/73 The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Will Terry, Stewart [illegible] and [illegible].

Will Terry reported on his visit to [illegible] Board Meeting, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Meeting to [illegible] [illegible] of their [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Meeting while on vacation.

Ministry and Counsel approved sending a minute to the Monthly Meeting Stewart Kirkaldy will be visiting while on vacation in England.

The matter of the [illegible] [illegible] was discussed but nothing definite has been heard from the Court action.

Ministry and Counsel approved Will's request to be away the week end of October 21 to attend a [illegible] [illegible].

Will read a thank you note from the [illegible] [illegible] Society for the gift of [illegible] books. The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted Ruth [illegible]

11th mo 4th /73

The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with a moment of silence.

Members present were Frances Howland, Blanch Brackett, Harriet Pinnegar, Larry and Jean Hammond, Will Terry and Ruth Howland.

Ruth announced the Memorial service for David Gibson on November 7th would be an unprogrammed meeting. A coffee hour will follow at the parsonage. A memorial check has been sent to the AFSC.

A request for membership was received from Pamela Jean and it was agreed to have members to visit with her at the regular Monthly Meeting.

Ruth suggested that Ministry and Counsel take the responsibility for the discussion groups. ~~[illegible]~~

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth E. Howland

12th mo 2nd/[illegible] Ministry and Counsel Meeting opened with a period of silence.

Members present were [illegible] [illegible] Hammond, [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] Trapp, [illegible] [illegible], Will Lacey, [illegible] [illegible] and Ruth Howland.

It was approved the [illegible] of Friends Worship [illegible] George Thomas will be used by the Worcester group and Will Lacey were authorized to order the pages copies.

[illegible] Henninson read a minute from California Yearly Meeting which had been referred to New England Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel and requested assistance from Monthly Meetings in replying to the minute. It was agreed perhaps it could be discussed at the Worcester group.

Will Lacey distributed copies of the Friends Meeting for Worship and would get copies of pamphlets [illegible] [illegible] information, that she might [illegible] [illegible] at some of the meetings she would be attending.

The sum of $[illegible] has been received from [illegible] in memory of [illegible] Ellen [illegible] [illegible] dollars of this will be used toward purchasing a tree in her memory and the remainder will be used by Ministry and Counsel as they see fit [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the tree will be planted on the Meeting House grounds.

It was approved to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Paul [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there are many [illegible] [illegible].

The Christmas [illegible] [illegible] will start at [illegible] and [illegible] in the [illegible] by Howard Kimberly.

A letter was received from an ad hoc committee of Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel requesting a report to be ready for their January meeting.

A proposal for membership was received from Mary [illegible]. Frances Howland, John [illegible] and Eleanor Tripp were named to meet with her.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth F. Howland, Clerk

12 mo 28/1955.

Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were [illegible], Frances Howland, [illegible], Charlotte [illegible], [illegible], Howard Kimberly and Ruth Howland.

Ruth Howland was named Clerk.

A letter of thanks was received from the [illegible] family for their Christmas gift.

[illegible] of a meeting to be held with [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] the suggestion Quarterly Meeting [illegible] State of Society reports and pass them on to the [illegible] Monthly Meetings to keep us in closer contact with each other.

[illegible] the Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel and the committee, the

The clerk was instructed to write a letter to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Mc [illegible] saying we feel unqualified to [illegible] first the question of the monthly meetings and [illegible] would [illegible] more information on the [illegible] to be made.

A request for the State of Society report was received from Yearly Meeting and it was agreed the first meeting would be open for all members of Ministry and Counsel.

[illegible] announced he would be leaving the meeting and in August and has accepted a place to teach at Virginia Beach Friends School and possibly go to graduate school. We all wish him [illegible] in the future.

Contributions were received from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted

[illegible] K. [illegible], Clerk

2nd Mo. 3rd 1978 The regular Meeting of Ministry and Counsel gathered in a period of silence.

Members present were Lloyd and Jean Swanson, Florence Howland, Eleanor Stapp, Dana Brackett, Eleanor Kennedy, Walt Foley and Ruth Howland.

It was approved to discuss the State of Society Report at the next discussion group in order to get the feelings of more of our regular attenders as well as members.

A request was received from [illegible] to [illegible] Richard [illegible] [illegible] January 29, 1978 [illegible] as [illegible] member. It was approved.

It was suggested that in the future some member of Ministry and Counsel would acknowledge new attenders [illegible] that some new members [illegible] attended Meeting for as long that are [illegible] friends of [illegible].

It was approved that Florence Howland would write to [illegible] regarding their assistance in finding a replacement for Walt Foley.

[illegible] reported [illegible] the [illegible] of February [illegible] in [illegible] the [illegible] of Winthrop Kennedy. She also reported [illegible] Dorothy and Bill [illegible] and [illegible] would like to [illegible] as a [illegible].

The Meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth E. Howland, Clerk

[illegible] Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a brief period of silence followed by the reading of the first Queries for Ministry and Counsel.

Members present were Larry and Jean Keennan, Charlotte Cummings, Eleanor Tripp, Frances [illegible], Blanche Brownell, [illegible] Gray, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

A request for marriage under the care of the Meeting was received from [illegible] Wood and Timothy [illegible]. Stewart Kirkaldy, [illegible] and Ruth Howland were named a committee of clearness.

A request for transfer from associate member to full membership was received from [illegible] Keefe and a request for membership from Jay [illegible] Keefe. Stewart Kirkaldy, Will Gray and Jean Keennan were named a committee to meet with them.

The State of Society Report was read and approved and would be sent to Monthly Meeting for approval.

The reply to the [illegible] Yearly Meeting's Minute was read and approved to be forwarded to Monthly Meeting.

Ministry and Counsel Members were asked to meet after March 11 to go over the membership position.

Several members of Ministry and Counsel agreed to accept responsibility for [illegible] Meeting the next few months.

Will Gray told us money still remains from donations that were given in memory of [illegible].

Copies of [illegible] Faith and Practice [illegible] the Experience of the Society of Friends have been received. These are to be given to every resident family in New England.

Yearly Meeting. It was approved and printed additional copies to be given interested attenders.

Ministry and Counsel agreed to meet with an ad hoc Committee from Preparative Meeting Ministry and Counsel on March 28 for the purpose of establishing [illegible] on Easter.

It was approved that Library order copies of Thomas Kelly's Testament of Devotion, to be given new members.

The question of new hymnals was raised and Charlotte [illegible] suggested we use the remaining funds in the [illegible] Memorial Fund to cover the purchase under consideration for new books. Howard Kimberly suggested the Meeting might make up the difference for this purpose.

Howard Kimberly reported on a meeting with [illegible] who had given him a list of five possible replacements to [illegible]. He agreed to have [illegible] make a recommendation to be brought to the next meeting of Ministry and Counsel. It was generally agreed and decided that [illegible] to a Pastoral Meeting.

A note of thanks was received from the [illegible] family for the donation made to Boston Children's Hospital in memory of [illegible].

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth E. [illegible], Clerk.

3/31st/1974 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Lucy and Jean [illegible], Eleanor Lapp, Blanche Crandall, Stewart Kimberly, Will Lowry and Ruth Howland.

Stewart Kimberly reported on visit with Sharon and Jay Kiefer and recommended acceptance into membership. A request was received to enroll Wendy Lee Kiefer as an infant member and this also was approved. This recommendation would be forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

Eleanor Lapp and Jeanne Howland were named representatives to Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel in April.

Will Lowry has ordered one copy of the Report of Friends Faith and Practice, and also Thomas Kelly's "Testament of Devotion" which is to be given new members.

It was approved donating $50.00 from the [illegible] Memorial Fund to the Westport High School Drama Department to be given a student to help him further his education in this area. Will agreed to contact the drama coach and report back to the Monthly Meeting.

Ministry and Counsel approved Will Lowry request to be away from April 21-25 at Virginia Beach.

A request to be considered for the position of Recording Secretary was received from Lorraine Kimberly. This was approved by Ministry and Counsel and recommended to Monthly Meeting.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth T. Howland Clerk

4th m. - 5/72.

The regular meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a long period of silence.

Members present were Eleanor Tripp, Beverly Brownell, John and Mary Kimmons, Frances Howland, Will Tracy and Ruth Howland.

Will reported on his visit to [illegible] [illegible] and August 11 will be his last Sunday. He also reported that "The Testament of Devotion" has been received.

Letters of thankfulness received from Joyce [illegible] the recipient of the [illegible] [illegible] Memorial Scholarship, and Mrs. [illegible] [illegible].

It was suggested and approved members of Ministry and Counsel continue to [illegible] Meeting and notice guests.

Frances Howland announced Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel will meet in the Community House on June 25.

It was ~~approved~~ agreed to meet May 3rd to discuss distribution of [illegible] Fund and [illegible] and the membership question.

Will Tracy asked to be recognized as a member of the Meeting and this was approved. We felt this was a [illegible] of [illegible] he has done for the Meeting.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

07.8.74 Westport Monthly Meeting Monday on August opened with a brief period of silence.

Members attending were Blanche Bartlett, Eleanor Repp, Will Terry, Charlotte Kornegay, Terry and Joan Kornegay and Ruth Howland.

A request for membership was received from Norman and Helen Hubbard. Stewart Kirkaldy and Eleanor Repp were named to meet with them.

A letter of thanks for the Testimony of [illegible] was received from Mary Stiles.

Will Terry suggested sending a letter of greeting to a Monthly Meeting in England which Ruth Howland might be visiting. This was approved.

Ruth Howland reported the marriage of [illegible] and Timothy Wynn was carried out under the care of the Meeting 5th month 25th.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth T. Howland Clerk.

May 3rd [illegible] The regular meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a brief period of silence.

Members present were Harry and Jean Kinnison, Charlotte Ramage, Will Terry, Eleanor Tripp, Frances Howland, Blanche Burdett, Andrew and Howard Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

A thank you note was received from the Senior Citizens Group for use of the Community House.

It was approved $30.00 be given Phyllis Kingdon toward her expenses to Yearly Meeting. It was also approved any [illegible] [illegible] one half of the expenses of any young person attending Yearly Meeting.

Ruth Howland reported she and Phyllis Kingdon attended two Meetings while in England, the Westminster and [illegible] Meetings and brought greetings from them to Westport Monthly Meeting.

Andrew Kirkaldy requested an exact date he would start his duties as Executive Secretary and it was approved the day after Will Terry leaves.

Will Terry reported work is beginning on the chain link fence to be put around the Paul Cuffe grave.

Will also expressed concern about the growth of membership.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth E. Howland Clerk

8th mo-4/74 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel regular meeting opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Jean Kinnison, Will Franz, Frances Howland, Eleanor Brackett, Eleanor Fogg, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland. Bruce Oakley of Allens Neck Meeting was present as a visitor from New England Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel.

It was approved Ministry and Counsel continue the practice of [illegible] Meeting.

Stewart Kirkaldy reported he had delivered a copy of Quaker Faith and Practice to Stanley and Ivy Gifford.

Will Franz again expressed concern that we had not done anything about the question of membership and felt that people not technically members should be recognized for their contributions.

Stewart Kirkaldy read a letter from Ken Wilson who represents the group interested in purchasing the [illegible] Estate.

It was approved a change in the program format be made from Scripture to Reading and comments. [illegible] and [illegible] Meeting will close with a handshake.

Jean Kinnison reported representatives at Yearly Meeting approved members of Committees could be members of other than New England Yearly Meeting but must be Friends. [illegible] are still working on the question of membership.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

9/1/76 Regular Meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

The queries one through 3 from Faith and Practice for Ministry and Counsel were read.

Present were Frances Howland, Charlotte Bannigan, Harry and Jean Kennison, Blanche Brackett, Stewart and Barbara Kimberly and Ruth Howland.

The question of membership was discussed and it was suggested perhaps we should be more inviting. The remaining copies of Westport Faith and Practice were distributed among members of Ministry and Counsel to be delivered.

Jean Kennison announced $70.00 is in the Memorial Fund for Harry Giles and asked members to think about what we should do with it. She made the suggestion we might put it toward publication of some of his poems and this will be discussed with Mary Giles.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth [illegible] Howland Clerk

11/6/79 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Jean and Larry Kinnaman, Frances Howland, Andrew and Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Members reported that copies of Friends Faith and Practice had been delivered.

Stewart Kirkaldy asked members of Ministry and Counsel to be aware of a concern for Mary Foley.

It was reported the Catholic Church is using the Community House one hour a week for Catechism classes, and Ministry and Counsel was in favor of recommending to Monthly Meeting letting them use it rent free as it is already open and heated for the Morning School.

Jean Kinnaman reported on Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Meeting of Oct 5th and that they are planning more workshops on various subjects in the future.

Members were asked to think about the quality of worship and the possibility of an un programmed [illegible] meeting.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth F. Howland Clerk

11th M. 10th/74 The regular meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Henry and Jean [illegible] Eleanor Tripp, Frances [illegible], Charlotte [illegible] [illegible] and Margaret [illegible] and Ruth Howland.

[illegible] announced an [illegible] program [illegible] next meeting would be held November 13 with [illegible] Meeting at [illegible] [illegible].

It was approved Ministry and Counsel recommend to Monthly Meeting a minute of appreciation be sent to Eleanor Tripp for her faithful attendance and service in [illegible] for many years.

The Meeting Closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth F. Howland Clerk

15th m. 1/1974 The regular Meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting - Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Kenyon and Joan Kavanaugh, Eleanor Tripp, Blanche Brackett, Stewart and Arlene Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

It was agreed to ask Charlotte Pearson to arrange for distribution of food to two needy families.

The Christmas Eve service was discussed and suggestions will be brought before Monthly Meeting. Andrew agreed to work with two or three others to make up a program.

Notes of appreciation were received from Bristol County for a contribution made to the Heart Fund in memory of Edward Thomas J. Cassidy; the FCNL and Frank Fogerson for the anniversary Card.

The Meeting was asked to contact Senators and Representatives regarding Military aid to Cambodia. Arlene and Stewart Kirkaldy will write a letter to be sent from the Meeting in a matter that is coming up before our regular Monthly Meeting.

It was agreed to recommend to Monthly Meeting a minute of appreciation ~~written~~ to Evelyn Wordell for her service as correspondent.

We were asked to think about a book for our discussion group and Stewart and Arlene Kirkaldy will look for one.

The Meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth T. Howland Clerk

1st mo/18th/1985 The regular meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Kenny [illegible], Charlotte [illegible], Frances Howland, Eleanor Tripp, Norman Lundblad, Stewart and Andrew Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

The Queries for Ministry and Counsel were read.

Ruth Howland was named Clerk.

A letter was received from Virginia [illegible] requesting the State of Society Report. Stewart Kirkaldy, Norman Lundblad, Andrew Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland were named to write a report to bring to the next meeting of Ministry and Counsel.

Charlotte [illegible] explained that she had received a thank you note from the [illegible] family for their Christmas [illegible].

Ruth Howland was named to act as greeter for January.

The question of a First Day School was raised but Ministry and Counsel did not see any possibility of one in the near future.

[illegible] to be spent by Alice [illegible] were selected for the book for the [illegible] young.

Ministry and Counsel approved Charlotte's request to be away over January 25.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

27th 2/75 The regular meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Kenyon, Jean Kinnear, Frances Howland, Charlotte Prunger, Norman Goddard, Gideon and Hannah Kimberly and Ruth Howland.

Frances Howland reported 5 in attendance at Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel and 6 at the [illegible] Annual Meeting.

The State of Society Report was approved to be brought to the Monthly Meeting.

The care of Ministry and Counsel with regard to a member of the Meeting with a personal problem was discussed at length and it was agreed that any member of Ministry and Counsel would be available to talk with this person and not need to come before the whole group.

Gideon Kimberly approached by a member who felt the Meeting was not meeting her need and wanted a deeper study of the Bible. We agreed Gideon would communicate with her and express our feeling we would like to help her, and did not want her to feel we were a block in the way of her finding something that answered her needs more.

Jean Kinnear told of Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel conferences to be held in the near future, one on "Marriage Enrichment" and another on "Family Meeting Plans".

It was ~~approved~~ suggested a memorial to Ro Hatfield be made to the Albert Ward Chadwick Fund; this would be discussion further.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth L. Howland Clerk

[illegible]

The regular meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Larry and Jean Kennison, Charlotte Panunzio, Lorman Trueblood, Frances Howland, Stewart and Andrew Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland

It was approved the sum of $25.00 be sent to Quang Ngai Hospital in memory of Alfred Lucas and $10.00 sent to Westport High School in memory of Chris Caruglia.

A letter requesting membership was received from Leroy and Phyllis Jacobson. Jean Kennison and Stewart Kirkaldy were named to meet with them.

It was agreed the Query on Prejudice will be read at the unprogrammed meeting on March 16 and then discussed at our discussion group.

Lorman Trueblood will be greeter for the next month.

The meeting Closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

[illegible] The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Jeanne [illegible] Kennison, Charlotte Paynter, Eleanor Sapp, [illegible], Stewart and Andrea Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Jean Kennison and Stewart Kirkaldy reported on their visit with [illegible] and Phyllis [illegible] and recommended them for acceptance into membership.

Andrea [illegible] the [illegible] like to have about July 20th instead of August first.

Jean Kennison told us Michael Carter, education director at [illegible] might be interested in a [illegible] and Stewart Kirkaldy has been contacted by [illegible] Mustaller who has had responses from people interested in an education secretary position.

Eleanor Sapp will act as the greeter and [illegible] until the next meeting of Ministry and Counsel.

The possibility of continuing the discussion group was raised but no decision was made.

Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel will hold a worship sharing weekend Aug 2-4, the topic "Keeping the Inward Journey".

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

5th mo 14th 1997 The regular meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were: Jean and Larry Kinnamon, Eleanor Tripp, Edward and Barbara Kimberly, Florence Howland, Norma Tuckerman and Ruth Howland.

The possibility of Madeline Carter acting as recording secretary on a part time basis was discussed, and Edward Kimberly agreed to contact Reuben Hathaway concerning any requests he may have had.

Jean Kinnamon raised the possibility of [illegible] staying in the parsonage for a short time and possibly having some intermediation. It was agreed we would contact him to see if he might be interested.

Jean Kinnamon would not be present for the next month.

Larry Kinnamon was named Ministry and Counsel representative to Yearly Meeting.

A request for membership was received from Mrs Barbara Alroy. Norma Tuckerman and Charlotte Bowman were named to meet with her.

A concern was expressed regarding the rummage sale to be held by the Nursery School on May 24 and 25. Whitcomb agreed to contact them and ask them to change the Sunday date to Monday May 26.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth C. Howland Clerk

6th mo 1st 1975 The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members in attendance were Charlotte Panunzio, Frances Howland, Eleanor Tripp, Lorna Trueblood, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Charlotte Panunzio and Lorna Trueblood reported on their visit with Mrs Richard Alary and recommend her acceptance into the Meeting.

Stewart reported he had talked with Karen Marotellis about an Executive Secretary but had had no response. Also he agreed to contact Mike Carter to see if he is still interested on a part time basis.

Members of Ministry and Counsel felt we could get along for a time without an Executive Secretary if each one accepted some responsibility.

The question of someone living in the Parsonage after Andrew leaves was discussed.

Charlotte Panunzio will act as greeter and break Meeting for the month.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

7th mo/12th/1985 The regular meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

The Clerk read the First Two Queries for Ministry and Counsel from Faith and Practice.

Members in attendance were: Howard and Barbara Kimberly, [illegible] Jean and Larry Kennison, Charlotte [illegible], Florence [illegible] and Ruth Howland.

A new date of July 26 was set for the Book Fair & Barbecue. Also we had received a request from a [illegible] Woman to have a stained glass table at the Book Fair, the Meeting to receive 25% Commission. After some discussion it was approved if contact can be made with the Woman.

The question of maintenance of the outside of the Meeting House was discussed. It was agreed this should be [illegible] referred to the Property Committee.

Jean Kennison informed us she has received a check in the amount of $300.00 from the Westport Woman's Club and $50 in [illegible] the Land Trust.

[illegible] has been contacted by the superintendent of Westport Cemeteries regarding a fence to separate the Cemetery from the Community House to keep children from running on the graves. It was agreed a rope on posts might serve the purpose.

Ministry and Counsel approved cancelling the July Monthly Meeting.

Jean Kennison will act as greeter at First Day Meeting for the next month.

The following speakers were named for the next three weeks: July 27, Jean Kennison; August 3 Emma Truckhard and August 10, Stewart Kirkaldy.

Stewart Kirkaldy told us he had been contacted by Roger Oleson who has asked the [illegible] to [illegible] a "Thought for the Day" to be used in the newspaper & the meeting and Council approved Stewart preparing one.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

8th mo/3rd 1978 The regular meeting of [illegible] Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members in attendance were Larry and Jean Kennison, Charlotte Fleming, Emma Truckhard, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Possible speakers for the next month were suggested. August 24 Charlie Meeks, August 31 Robert [illegible], September 7 Frank Lopresti and September 14 Stewart Kirkaldy or Emma Truckhard.

Emma Truckhard agreed to act as greeter for the next month.

A concern was raised regarding the responsibility in the [illegible] Ministry. It was felt perhaps it would be best if we waited until a person expressed a desire to speak and then Counsel with the speaker.

The Meeting Closed with a period of silence - Ruth L. Howland Clerk

9th m/12th/1985 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Queries 3 and 4 for Ministry and Counsel were read.

Members present were Charlotte [illegible], Jean and Terry Kennison, Stewart Kirkaldy, Norman [illegible] and Ruth Howland.

Terry Kennison would be greeter and head Meeting for the next month.

Possible speakers suggested were Sept 22 Jean Kennison, Oct 5 Norman Howland & [illegible]. Oct 12 Stewart Kirkaldy. September 29 and October 19 would be unprogrammed Meetings.

A concern was brought before us regarding a baby whose parents are of different religious beliefs. Stewart Kirkaldy and Jean Kennison agreed to meet with the parents and discuss the question.

The Meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth S. Howland Clerk

10th mo/5th/1975 The regular meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Frances Howland, Charlotte [illegible], Eleanor Trapp, [illegible], Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

A request for membership was received from [illegible] Cobb. Stewart Kirkaldy, [illegible] and Eleanor Trapp were named to meet with her.

Ministry and Counsel approved [illegible] request to be transferred from Junior to Regular Membership.

Recommendations from Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel on the subject Being Single Again were read and we were asked to discuss this subject and send any suggestions we might have to Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel by January.

It was agreed to order 1500 programs the same as we are now using and Ruth Howland was named to order them.

Frances Howland will act as greeter for the next month.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L. Howland Clerk

11th mo 2nd 1975 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened their regular meeting with a moment of silence.

Members present were: Terry and Jean Kinnerson, Frances Howland, Charlotte Pennoyer, Eleanor Tripp, Stewart Cushaway and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Eleanor Tripp reported on ideas made with Rosalie Cobb and recommended acceptance. These were approved and will be forwarded to Monthly Meeting.

Ruth Howland served well as greeter for the last month and it was approved Joy Krieger will make announcements.

Possible speakers for the future were suggested, Jean Kinnerson, George Ahern and Stewart Cushaway.

It was approved having a Coffee hour after meeting at Monthly Meeting.

It was also approved making extra copies of "Acts of Friendship for Vietnam" for people who are interested.

It was approved sending for a sample set of [illegible] pamphlets from Friends United Meeting.

Jean Kinnerson said she had been contacted by the Committee for discussion of the Cove property, it was approved bringing this to Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

11th mo, 30, 1975 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened their regular meeting with a period of silence.

Members present were Rory and Jean Kinnison, Eleanor Briggs, Florence Howland, Charlotte [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland

A nominating committee of Jean Kinnison, [illegible] [illegible] and Evelyn Weston were named to bring names of officers and committees to the next Monthly Meeting.

Stewart Kirkaldy, Jean Kinnison and Ruth Howland were named to arrange the Christmas Eve service. It was suggested we might have more songs and a shorter silence.

Jean Kinnison will act as greeter for the next month.

Ministry and Counsel approved the request of Susan [illegible] of New Bedford to be married in the Meeting House on December 27. It was suggested [illegible] [illegible] members of Ministry and Counsel [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The sample pamphlets from [illegible] Meeting have [illegible] and Jean Kinnison recommended we [illegible] [illegible] copies of each. This was approved.

A request for [illegible] [illegible] was received from AFSC.

The appeal for funds was received from the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Haiti. Ministry and Counsel recommended that the request go to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

It was [illegible] praying for all the [illegible] in the community.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth E. Howland, Clerk

[illegible] 1956

The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Norman and Helen Trueblood, Jean Kinnaird, Stewart Kirkaldy, Eleanor Trapp and Ruth Howland.

Queries 1 and 2 for Ministry and Counsel were read.

Ruth Howland was named Clerk.

Possible topics for the study group were discussed. It was suggested we start by February 1st at the latest.

The speaker for February 1st will be Stewart Kirkaldy and on February 8th Jean Kinnaird. February 15 will be the unprogrammed Meeting.

Jean Kinnaird suggested a possible social hour after Meeting on February 29 with pictures to be shown by Rosalind Cobb, one of our new members. This will be turned over to the Social Committee to be worked out. Charlotte Pennington agreed to work on the [illegible].

Charlotte Pennington will act as greeter for the next month.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth T. Howland, Clerk

2nd mo. 1st 1976

The regular meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence. Members in attendance were Lawrence and Helen [illegible] Jean Kennison, Frances Howland, Eleanor Tripp, Frank Lapenca, Stewart Kimberly and Ruth Howland.

A request to live in the parsonage was received from Terri Todd and Ross Wyant. Greg Kiefer has enlisted in the service and there is the possibility Sharon and Wendy will join him when he is settled. The request was approved.

It was approved sending $25.00 to the Central Congregational Church in Tiverton in memory of William Chace; the Chaces had given us our present organ.

The speaker for Feb. 22 will be Doug Kidger. Feb 29, Stewart Kimberly and we will ask George Coleman to speak on March 7.

Lorraine Treadwell and Eleanor Tripp agreed to share the duties of greeter for the next month.

The State of Society Report was read and approved and will be forwarded to Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth T. Howland Clerk

3rd Mo/7th/1976 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Lorimer and Helen Trueblood, Jean Kennison, Eleanor Tripp, Frances Howland, Stewart Kirkaldy, Frank Lepreau and Ruth Howland.

Frances Howland reported on Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Conference on "Outreach" held at Mattapoisett, March 6th. She also informed us there is now a representative of AFSC in New Bedford, Greg Williams.

Jean Kennison reported she had received a note of thanks from Mrs William Chase for the contribution given to Amicable Congregational Church in Tiverton, in memory of Mr Chase.

Ministry and Counsel approved a request from the Campfire Girls to hold an evening service in the Meeting House the first week in May.

It was also approved sending $25.00 to Truesdale Hospital in memory of Phyllis Jacobson.

Eleanor Tripp and Lorimer Trueblood agreed to continue as greeters for another month.

The following were suggested as possible speakers. March 21, Jean Kennison, March 28, Lorimer Trueblood, April 4, Charlotte Pinanger, April 11 unprogrammed and April 18, Stewart Kirkaldy.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

3rd mo/28th/1976 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Jean Kennison, Helen and Lorenza Trueblood, Frank Lepreau, Frances Howland, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Wesley Primozzi was present with a request to speak again sometime within the next two months. It was approved asking him to speak on April 25. Frank Lepreau will speak on May 2 and Frances Howland, May 9.

Frances Howland will act as greeter for the month.

It was approved letting the Land Conservation Trust use the Meeting House for their annual meeting in May if the Community House is not available.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L. Howland. Clerk.

5th mo/2nd/1976 The regular meeting of Ministry and Council opened with a period of silence.

Members in attendance were Frances Howland, Norman and Helen Trueblood, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland. Jean Kennison was reported attending a Spiritual Life Conference.

The following speakers were suggested, May 16 Norman Trueblood, May 23 Stewart Kirkaldy, May 30 and June 6 must be either Frank Kepreau, Phyllis Kay or Jean Kennison.

Helen Trueblood agreed to act as greeter.

It was approved some action should be taken on our July 4th bi-centennial program and we will bring this before the Monthly Meeting.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

6th m 6th 1976 The regular meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members in attendance were Frank Lepreau, Eleanor Tripp, Helen and Norman Trueblood, Jean Kenneson, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Eleanor Tripp asked for volunteers to act as host and hostesses at the Meeting House during ~~the~~ Westport's Bi-Centennial Celebration July 1-7.

It was approved sending a note of Congratulation to Bob Keith on his recent marriage.

Speakers suggested were, June 20, an exchange of pulpits, June 27, Wesley Pannunzio, July 4, Stewart Kirkaldy and July 11, unprogrammed.

Ruth Howland will act as greeter.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L Howland, Clerk.

7th mo/4th 1976 A brief meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence. —

Members present were Norman and Helen Trueblood, Jean Kennison, Frances Howland, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The following speakers were suggested: July 18 Norman Trueblood, July 25, Jean Kennison, August 1st, Andrew Kirkaldy or Robert Wicks, August 8th unprogrammed.

Jean Kennison will be the greeter for the next month.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

8th mo 1st, 1976 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence

Members in attendance were Eleanor Tripp, Jean Kennison, Stewart Kirkaldy, Frank Lepreau, Norman and Helen Trueblood and Ruth Howland.

The following were suggested as possible speakers; August 15 Stewart Kirkaldy, August 22, Bessie Hall, August 29, Gordon Stokes September 5, Robert Wicks and September 12, unprogrammed.

Helen Trueblood will act as greeter for the next month.

It was approved asking Lois and Timothy Lynn to take care of sending out the newsletter.

Stewart Kirkaldy reported Viola Hague passed away on July 27.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

9th mo 5th 1976 The regular meeting of Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of silence.

Members present were Eleanor Tripp, Jean Kennison, Stewart Kirkaldy, Frank Lepreau and Ruth Howland.

Ministry and Counsel approved a request from Rich Desjardins and Sarah Morgis to use the Meeting House for their wedding on October 23.

Ministry and Counsel also approved Stewart Kirkaldy's request to participate in Peter Kirkaldy's wedding to be held at Pacific Union Church next June. He asked that they write their own vows for the ceremony; this was approved with the understanding they be brought before Ministry and Counsel for approval.

A request to be married under the care of the Meeting was received from Levon M. Yacubian and Lydia M Kran. This was approved.

Tentative speakers for the next few weeks are as follows. Sept. 19, Wesley Pamenger. Sept 26, Stewart Kirkaldy. Oct. 3, Francis Howland, Oct 10 unprogrammed, Oct. 17, Frank Lepreau, Oct 24, Jean Kinnison, Oct. 31, Norman Trueblood. and Nov. 7 Stewart Kirkaldy.

It was approved sending a card to Earl Wood who is in the hospital with a broken hip.

Eleanor Tripp will act as greeter.

The meeting closed with a period of silence

Ruth L Howland, Clerk

11th mo/7th/1976 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened their regular meeting with a period of silence.

Members present were Lorman and Helen Trueblood, Jean Kennison, Eleanor Tripp, Frank Lepreau, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

A questionnaire from Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel sub-Committee on Advancement was read and gave Ministry and Counsel much to think about. Among suggestions brought forward to help us on Outreach was the possibility of one of us inviting a visitor to lunch. Also to have a packet of pamphlets on Quakerism made up to give to anyone who might be interested in more information on Quakerism. Jean Kennison agreed to see to this.

It was also suggested we make an effort to have a "Thought for the Week" published in the local weekly paper.

Suggested speakers for the next few weeks are as follows. November 21, Stewart Kirkaldy, Nov. 28 Geo Akerson, Dec 5. John Jennings or Lorman Trueblood. Dec 12, unprogrammed and Dec 26. Stewart Kirkaldy.

Ruth Howland will act as greeter for the month.

Jean Kennison read a letter from Alice Wiser of Burlington Vt. Meeting who is planning to take a group of young people on a World Tour next year. It was agreed this would be brought to Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

11th/28th/76 A brief meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held with Jean Kennison, Eleanor Tripp and Ruth Howland present.

It was approved asking Stewart Kirkaldy, Lorman and Helen Trueblood to set up a Christmas Eve service.

It was also approved sending a Christmas card to local members and include the activities of the Meeting until after the New Year. This will be in place of our regular newsletter.

Stewart Kirkaldy will speak on December 19 and Jean Kennison will arrange the December 26th Meeting.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

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Stewart Kirkaldy opened the meeting in the absence of the clerk.

It was suggested that Phyllis Brightman act as clerk for the coming year.

Frances Howland will act as Greeter.

A suggestion was made that Jean Kinnison act as Exec. Secretary.

There was also a discussion of possible persons who might be willing to live in the parsonage and act as maintenance person. Another suggestion was made that it be kept unoccupied and use for discussion group and Sunday School.

Frank Lepreau will be asked to speak on the 22nd and Stewart will give the message on the 29th. John Jennings will be asked to speak in Sept.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Phyllis Brightman Clerk

Feb. 5, 1978. Ministry and Counsel.

Phyllis Brightman was ill, so Stewart Kirkaldy led the meeting. We opened with worship.

Wesley Panunzio brought a message that on inquiring about Karl Kares he found that Friends from Mt. Toby meeting did not recommend Karl for the position of Executive Secretary at Westport.

Our speakers will be: Feb 19 Rosalind Cobb, Feb 26 Stewart Kirkaldy, Mar. 5 unprogrammed March 12 Norman Trueblood. Frances Howland will continue as greeter. We agreed to ask each of those people bringing the message to also break meeting.

We will notify the Travelers' Directory of Friends General Conference about the Paul Cuffee memorial.

There was no further business

Jean A. Kennison
(P.B.)

2nd Mo/26th da/1978 Ministry and counsel opened with worship.

the following were present: Stewart Kirkaldy, Frank Lepreau, with a guest Joel Flatter, Helen Trueblood, Jean and Larry Kennison and Phyllis Brightman.

Speakers for March 12 - Lorman Trueblood, March 19th - Wesley Yanunzio, March 26 Stewart Kirkaldy and on April 2nd pulpit exchange with Rev. Joe Carpenter from Westport Point Methodist Church. Stewart will be speaking at the Pacific Union Church.

Monthly meeting would be held April 9th and there would be an unprogramed worship service.

Helen Trueblood will act as greeter.

Helen said that Ruth Jenning has volunteered to be an assistant organist.

Stewart Kirkaldy, Larry Kennison and Phyllis Brightman will prepare the State of Society Report.

Dates for the Study Group will be Mar 5, Apr 29, April 23, 30 and May 7th.

Phyllis Brightman

4th Mo/2nd da/78 Ministry and counsel opened with a moment of silence.

Present were: Stewart Kirkaldy, Jean and Larry Kennison, Frances Howland, Helen Trueblood, Phyllis Brightman

The State of Society Report was read.

A question was raised as to the role of ministry and Counsel in today's society. It was felt it had changed from years ago, but we could still offer support to members in distress.

It was suggested that Frank Lepreau and Ruth Jennings be asked to speak this month. Stewart would give the message on April 23rd and Lorman Trueblood on April 30th. Phyllis Brightman will act as greeter.

Ruth Jennings will help with the Sunday School in May.

There was no further business.

Phyllis Brightman

5th Mo/7th da/78 Ministry and Counsel opened with worship. Those attending were Stewart Kirkaldy, Frank Lepreau, Frances Howland, Jean and Larry Kennison and Phyllis Brightman.

Suggested speakers for May were Ruth Jennings May 14th, Mary Giles May 21st, Frank Lepreau May 28th and Stewart Kirkaldy June 11th with an unprograme meeting June 4th.

Frances Howland will act as greeter.

The membership list was reviewed and members agreed to visit some of the non-attenders and those members who are ill. Frances Howland agreed to visit one of the members who is having problems and to offer our support.

Copies of the New England Yearly meeting of Friends 1978 check-list Survey of Advancement Outreach-Inreach Activities in Meetings and Worship Groups were distributed to members of M+C. and we will hold a special meeting to pool answers.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Phyllis Brightman

6 Mo./4th da./78 The meeting opened with worship.

Stewart Kirkaldy, Frances Howland, Jean and Larry Kennison and Phyllis Brightman were present.

Ministry and Counsel will meet on Monday evening to complete the New England Yearly Meeting Survey.

Larry Kennison will read an article from the Friends Journal relating to Ministry on June 18th. Jean Kennison will give the message on June 25th. Stewart will contact Dr Gordon Stokes and ask him for the July 9th meeting

It was suggested that Ruth Howland be asked to act as greeter for the following month.

Larry Kennison reported that he had written Mimi L. Jose to ask if she would like to become a member on her 25th birthday.

She had written saying they were moving to Boston and would be searching for a meeting that they could become affliated with.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Phyllis Brightman

1 mo/2nd da/78 Regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel.
Present were Stewart Kirkaldy, Frances Howland, Frank Lepreau, Jean and Larry Kennison and Phyllis Brightman.

Speakers for the month included Stewart Kirkaldy, Lorman Trueblood, Frances Howland and Robert Wicks.

Jean Kennison agreed to act as greeter.

Stewart upon the request of Mary Giles asked us to consider the practice of making announcements at the beginning of worship. Some attenders had felt that it was disrupting to have them at the beginning. After discussion it was felt that we would try omitting them, except for those relating to members who are ill. Announcements would be posted on a bulletin board.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Phyllis Brightman

5th Mo. 6th day 978 Regular Meeting of Ministry & Counsel met with the following members present:- Stuart Kirkaldy, Jean and Larry Kennison, Frances Garland, and Phyllis Brightman.

Messages will be given for the following month by: Stuart, Norman Trueblood, Wesley Cunningham and Frank Lefreau. Phyllis will act as greeter.

It was agreed to resume the custom of giving announcements at the beginning of worship. We felt that the trial period of a month had been sufficient and many members were unhappy with the arrangement.

Larry raised the question of transportation of Irene Przybyla to the meeting. She has been unable to attend because of lack of a car. Phyllis volunteered to see her about this.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Phyllis Brightman Clerk.

9th Month 3rd day 1978

The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with worship. The following members were present - Stewart Kirkaldy, Frances Howland, Jean and Larry Kennison, and Phyllis Brightman

Messages will be given by Frank LeBrun Sept. 10th, Stewart K. Sept. 17th, Jean Kennison Sept. 24th and Stewart Oct. 8th. Oct. 1st will be an unprogrammed meeting. Larry Kennison will act as greeter.

There was no further business.

Phyllis Brightman

10th Month 1st. Day 1978

The regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with worship

The following will bring messages in our meeting - Stewart Kirkaldy Oct. 8th, Frances Harlant Oct. 15th, Keith Jennings, Wesley Panunzio and Larry Lennison will be asked for Oct. 22nd, 29th and Nov. 12th.

A discussion followed about our concerns for the drop in attendance, how we could attract youth and are we really ministering to members.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Phyllis Brightman Clerk

11th Mon 5th Day 19[illegible]

The regular meeting of ministry and counsel opened with worship. Those present were Steuart Kirkaldy, Jean and Larry Kinnamon, Frances Howland, Helen Trueblood and Phyllis Brighton.

Speakers for the following month were selected: Norman Trueblood Nov 19th, Steuart Nov. 26th, Dec. 3rd will be unprogrammed, Dec. 10th Frank Lepreau or Jean Kinnamon. Larry will continue as greeter.

A request for junior membership from Robert and Gail Chapin of Barrington, R.I. for daughter Keri Lynn Chapin and from Timothy and Lori Wynne for son Timothy Jay Wynne of Westport, Ma. Both were approved and recommended ~~of~~ acceptance by the Monthly Meeting.

It was approved that a donation be made to the River Defense Fund in memory of Mark Pierce and to Union Truesdale Hospital in memory of Bruce Galloway, two Westport men who had died.

It was also approved that a minute be prepared by Steuart to show our appreciation to Wesley [illegible] for his untiring efforts to assist Irene Przybyla in securing electricity for her home. It was also approved that Wesley be compensated for his travel expenses in connection with this project.

Jean Kennison suggested that a pot-luck supper be held Dec. 15th in the Community House and a program would be presented. Parents of the children attending would be invited to attend.

It was approved that Stewart, Norman and Jean prepare the Christmas Tree Program.

Phyllis Brightman Clerk.

12th Month 3rd Day. Regular Meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with worship.
Those present were Stewart Kirkaldy, Jean and Larry Kennison, Helen Trueblood and Phyllis Brightman.

It was decided that the Dec 15th program would be dropped.

A discussion followed about the organist. It was agreed that Theresa Gifford should continue as the organist and if she is unable to be present at anytime she would arrange for a substitute.

Suggested speakers for the following month are Rosalynd Cobb, Wesley Pannunzio, Phyllis Brightman. Stewart will speak on Dec 24th and Jan 7th is un programmed.

Larry will continue as greeter.

We closed with a moment of silence.

Phyllis Brightman Clerk.

1st month 7th Day 1979

Regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with worship. Those present were Stewart Kirkaldy, Jean Kennison, Frances Howland, Ruth Howland and Phyllis Brightman.

It was approved that Phyllis act as clerk for the coming year.

Speakers for the following months will be Lawrence Trumbull Jan 21st, Stewart Jan 28th, Frances Howland Feb 11 and unprogrammed meeting Feb 4th.

Larry will continue to act as greeter.

It was approved of sending $25.00 to American Friends Service Committee in memory of Frances Whitney, a member of this meeting.

It was suggested that the study group this year take a different form and that each one attending be responsible for reading and discussing some article of importance from Journals and other publications as well as newspapers. The first meeting will be Jan

We closed with a moment of silence.

Phyllis Brightman Clerk.

2nd Month 11th Day 1979

Regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel. Present were Stewart Kirkaldy, Ruth Howland, Frances Howland, Larry Kennison, & Phyllis Brightman.

Queries 3 and 4 were read.

Speakers were selected. Stewart Feb. 18th, Wesley [illegible] to be asked for Feb. 25th, March 4th will be un-programmed and March 11th John Jennings. Larry will continue as Greeter.

A request for the State of Society Report for April 1st was received from Caleb Smith Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel.

Frances Howland, Phyllis + Stewart will meet Feb. 21st to prepare the report.

Ruth Howland asked "if" we would approve the meeting sharing the cost of labor for painting the Community House. The Westport Women's Club will pay for paint. Bob Lister will be painting it and had quoted a figure of [illegible] for the hours. It was approved that we share the cost.

Phyllis Brightman Clerk

3rd Month 4th Day 1979

Ministry and Counsel opened with a period of worship.

Those present were Stewart Kirkaldy, Ruth Howland, Frances Howland, Jean and Larry Kennison and Phyllis Brightman.

Proposed speakers for the following month were March 11 - John Jennings, March 18 Rosalind Cobb, March 25 Stewart K., April 1 unprogrammed and April 8 Jean Kenni April 15th (Easter Sunday) Stewart K.

Blanche Brackett and Alice LeMaise will be asked as greeters.

The State of Society Report was read and corrections made.

Jean had received several items of correspondence. One was a request from N.E.Y.M. to help in preparing a working paper on children. Jean will make copies of the letter so that it can be discussed at the Study Group.

Representatives from the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting had met to explore the possibility of sharing leadership.

It was expressed that Westport Meeting

was not comfortable with this at the present time'.

Phyllis Bridgman Clerk.

4th Month 1st. Day.

Regular meeting of Ministry and Counsel. The following were present. Stewart Kirkaldy, Ruth Howland, Theresa Gifford, Jean and Larry Kennison, Frances Howland and Phyllis Brightman.

Speakers were selected. April 22 - Pulpit exchange, April 29th - Norman Trueblood, May 6 unprogrammed, May 13th Frank Lepreau. Helen Trueblood will be asked to act as greeter.

Jean mentioned that New England Meeting was considering whether to up date Faith and Practice or to let London " " " replace it.

There was also some discussion of the Book Fair, and the visit of a group from Norfolk Virginia who are interested in the historical sites of Paul Cuffee.

Phyllis Brightman Clerk.

5th Month 6th Day

Friends [illegible] after the period of worship. The following were present: [illegible], [illegible] Howland, Frances Howland, Jean and Harry Jenison, and Phyllis Brightman.

Speakers for the following month were elected: Stewart May 30th, June 27th [illegible] [illegible], June 3 [illegible], June 10th [illegible].

As Stewart will be away at our next meeting he said he'd give the message either June 17th or 24th.

Helen Trueblood will be asked to continue as greeter for this month.

It was approved [illegible] contribution to the Westport Ambulance Fund in memory of Eleanor Shurtleff and to the American Red Cross in memory of Evangelos Cadhiades and to the American Friends Service Committee in memory of George Atkinson and Augusta Anderson ([illegible] [illegible]).

Frances Howland brought a [illegible] from [illegible] Sampson [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], the [illegible] assurance there is a [illegible]. Ruth Howland and Jean Simmons will work with her.

It was approved that the West End Day Care Center be allowed to use the Community House again this summer, and recommend that Youth and Social Concerns support the project. It was also agreed the water should be tested to be sure it is safe.

Phyllis Bingstrom Clerk.

6th Month 3rd Day 1979

Regular meeting Ministry and Counsel.
Present Ruth Howland, Jean and Larry Kennison, Theresa Gifford, Frances Howland and Phyllis Brightman.

Ruth Jennings, Rosalind Cobb, and Wesley Pomenzio would be asked to give messages in July. Frances Howland will ~~be~~ act as greeter.

The membership of Kimberly Beth Keefer has been recorded and approved.

Phyllis Brightman Clerk.

9th Month 1st day -

8th Month 5th Day 1979

Regular meeting of ministry and Council. Those present were – Stewart Kirkaldy, Jean Kennison, Larry Kennison, Francis Howland, and Phyllis Brightman.

The following will bring messages to the meeting – Aug. 26 Jean Kennison, Sept 2 unprogrammed, Sept. 9th Bob Victor (or Phyllis). Sept. 16th Larry Kennison.

A discussion of updating the membership list followed with no decision made at the present time.

No further business we closed with a moment of silence.

Phyllis Brightman
Clerk.

9th Month 3rd Day –

Regular Meeting of Ministry and Counsel. Present were Stewart, Theresa Gifford, Frances Howland, Keith Howland, Jean and Jerry Kennison and Phyllis Brightman

Speakers for the following month – Sept. 23 Stewart, Sept. 30 – John Jennings, Oct. 7th un programmed, Oct. 14th Phyllis and Oct. 21 Rosalind Cobb.

It was approved that the names of the following be ~~placed on~~ as discontinued, (as members) until future interest be indicated.

Robert J. Keith of N. Dartmouth, Virginia Cameron Steinmetz Calif.; Virginia Martin Hudson, Pa; Jean Hudson Elder, Pa; Mary Hudson, Pa; Milton R. Wood, Westport; George F. Wood and Virginia G. Wood, Westport. This action would in no way affect them if at a later date they became active.

It would only mean that the Meeting would not be assessed for them by the New England Yearly Meeting.

A thank you will be sent the descendants of Paul Cuffee for the Placque which they sent the Meeting commemorating their visit.

After a discussion whether the Sunday School should be continued for another year it was recommended that it continue. Jean Kennison will order class materials. Jean felt it would be better to hold it in October, November and December then stop during the months of January, February, March when the weather was bad and then resume for April, May and June.

It was also suggested that more people could volunteer to help during the year.

It was suggested that we be thinking about a book for the Study group this year and to start meeting earlier this year to avoid the bad weather.

Phyllis Brightman Clerk

12th Month 2nd Day 1979

Regular Meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened with Worship

Speakers were selected. Dec. 9th Frank Lepreau, Stewart Dec. 23rd, Dec. 30th Phyllis Jan 6th unprogrammed Jan. 13th Jean K. and Jan. 20th Frances Howland.

The Christmas Eve program would be planned by Jean and Ruth.

There will be a nationwide call to Worship on the Sunday following final Senate action on Salt II Treaty to gather during and after the usual services at 1 P.M. Eastern Standard Time with 10 minute periods of silent Meditation.

There was also an expressed Concern for the spiritual Quality of Worship. It was felt that New England Yearly Meeting might help by having some one "living in" and meeting with us and having a workshop on this. Phyllis will carry this to the N.E.Y.M. Committee on Ministry and Counsel.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Phyllis Brightman Clerk.

1st mo. 6th 1980

Ministry & Counsel met. period of worship

Speakers chosen for.

Jan 27 Lorman Trueblood
Feb 3 Unprogrammed Mtg.
" 10 Stewart Kirkaldy
" 17 Rosalind Cobb or Bob Walton

Piano music will be available for meetings during January & February in the Community House

Frances Howland appointed Clerk of Ministry & Counsel subject to consent (in absentia)

No action taken yet re: concerns expressed last meeting re: quality of worship.

3rd mo ~~2nd~~ 3rd Ministry and Counsel met.
period of worship observed
Messages to be brought by the following

Feb. 24 Jean Kennison
Mar 2 Unprogrammed
" 9 Stewart Kirkaldy
Mar. 16 Bob Dister

State of Society report due April 1
Those named to prepare same -
Stewart Kirkaldy, Jean Kennison
Larry Kennison, Frances Howland
This report to be brought to M. & C March 2nd for approval and to Mo Mtg Mar. 9th

Larry K. brought up matter of statistics requesting transfer of the following members to inactive list. (Lloyd Brightman, Imogene Brightman, Susan Brightman, Stephanie Campbell, Gretchen Brightman.)
Jay Kiefer (address unknown)
Edward Sharples Sr.

Ministry & Counsel approves this request and recommends same to Mo. Mtg.

Feb 6 Some of us will attend a Panel Meeting at Allens Neck re: possibility of sponsoring a refugee family (Boat People).

Regional members by
Rail journey

Westport Monthly Meeting - State of Society Report

We can report little change or progress during the past year. There is a sense of frustration reflecting not so much a lack of conviction as a failure of outreach. Regrettably this lack of outreach is not only to non members but to our non-attending members. Evangelism has not been our strong point over the years and as members have died or ceased attending we have failed to attract new ones. The core of regular worshippers remains intact but feels the need of new insights and deeper understanding.

We have had difficulties in our worship services which have at times deteriorated into classroom-type situations or quasi-debates which newcomers or casual attenders may have had difficulty recognizing as spiritual experiences. A heavy responsibility of self- discipline is laid upon those who indulge in vocal ministry.

In Ministry and Counsel we have sometimes felt the need for outside help to solve our problems, but we recognize that our basic need is to deepen our individual search that we may become not merely seekersbut publishers of truth.

Approved
Mo. Mtg 3/9/1980

Approved 3rd mo.
2nd
1980

State of Society
Report

Visitation Helen [illegible]
Stuart K

Westport Monthly Meeting
of Friends

Approved
M. C. [illegible]

Approved
mo mtg
Oct [illegible] 13
[illegible]

March 1, 1980

Dear Friends,

After much thought I have decided to submit an application for membership to the Westport Monthly meeting.

I was born and brought up in the Congregational Church, but for many years I have been drawn to, and grown increasingly in sympathy with Quaker Faith and Practices.

Sincerely,

Ruth Jennings

Visitation of our Mtg. to other Meetings and to our non attending members is always a concern.

Discussion and Study group will meet at Eleanor Tuffs Feb. 24.

Ministry & Counsel members present to day
are Stewart K
Jean Kennison
~~Larry Kennison~~
Helen Trueblood
Ruth Howland
Frances Howland

No further concerns we conclude to meet Mar. 2.

F Howland Clerk

3rd mo. 2nd.

Ministry & Counsel Meeting opened with period of silence. Those present Jean Kennison, Helen Trueblood, Stewart Kirkaldy, Ruth Howland Frances Howland

Selected to bring messages are
Mar 23 John or Ruth Jennings
30 Unprogrammed.
Apr 6 (Easter) Stewart Kirkaldy

Apr 13 pulpit exchange
Apr 20 Frank Loescher?

The State of Society report was presented to Ministry and Council for approval. After some deliberation and having discussed it openly and sincerely M & C approved same. It will be brought to Mo. Mtg Mar 9.

Request for membership received from Ruth Jennings, Helen Trueblood and Stewart Kirkaldy all met with her

The concern of Elton Trueblood as to the advisability of remaining on Ministry and Council because of the inability to be present at meetings was brought to us. ~~We think that this matter should be~~ feel that we should wait on the matter and meeting approved waiting.

No further concerns we adjourned to meet 4th mo 6th

E Howland Clerk

3rd mo. 16th Ministry and Council meeting called for the purpose of considering possible aids to improve our quality of worship. Suggested that David Dongan be asked to meet with us for worship and Friendly gathering after Meeting for Worship for possible suggestions and directions.
Jean Hinkson to contact David and arrange for possible date of Apr. 27.

No further business we conclude

3rd mo. 23rd
Ministry and Council meeting called to consider request for a meeting for Worship to be called for Mar. 30 (Sunday) at 3:00 P.M. for the purpose of uniting Patricia Ryan and Robert Winter in marriage. Ministry and Council approves same and Worship Meeting will be called.

3rd mo. 30th Meeting for Worship was held as approved by M+C 3rd mo 23rd

At this time Robert Dexter and Patricia Ryan were united in marriage

F Howland Clerk M. & C

4 mo. 3d

Ministry and Counsel met with a brief period of silence

Those present Frances Gifford Ruth Howland Jean Hennessey, Stewart Kirkaldy, Frances Howland

The following will be asked to bring messages

Apr 20 unprogrammed
" 27 Stewart Kirkaldy
May 4 Lemon Bullard
" 11 Stewart Kirkaldy
" 18 John & Ruth Jennings

Stewart Kirkaldy Helen Gifford report their visit with Ruth Jennings and recommend her to membership. Ministry and Counsel approves and will recommend same to Mo. Mtg 4th mo 13th.

Larry Johnson read a letter from Mimi (Lopus) Jose stating that she wishes to be enrolled as an active member of Westport Meeting (but non resident) M & C approves same.

M & C suggests to Mo. Mtg. that a contribution be made to A.F.S.C in memory of Caleb Smith.

No further concerns we concluded to meet 5th mo. 13th

F. Howland Clerk

5th mo 4th Ministry & Council met with Ruth Howland, Helen Trueblood, Jean Johnson Loman Trueblood & Stewart Kirkaldy in attendance. Opened with period of silence. Minutes of 4th mo 6th read & approved. It was decided to have simple refreshments of crackers and beverage after each worship meeting to be a time to discuss and share the mornings message. We will start in June and when Community House is in use for book sorting we will ask to use the

parsonage. Meeting will supply crackers
and beverage.

Matter of listing names of those giving
messages as put forth in newsletter was
discussed. It was agreed it would be better
to continue the present practice.

Our tentative schedule now is
May 18 guest of Ruth & John Jennings
& Phyllis Berkman
May 25 Bob Dexter
June 1 unprogrammed
June 8 Wesley Parsonage
June 15 Stew's at Kirkaldy

Jay Lapham requests our Meeting to
name a clearness committee for his
forthcoming wedding on June 28 1981
We suggest Stewart Kirkaldy and
Norman Lindblad. This will be brought to
Monthly Meeting for approval.

Ann, Bob & Pat Dexter will be
leaving (they go to Michigan in 3 or 4 weeks)
We considered what we want to do about a
caretaker and a secretary. We will
think more on this at our next meeting.

No further concerns we closed with period of silence

Jean Kinnison for Frances Howland Clerk

6th mo. 1st 1980

Ministry & Counsel met with period of silence

Those present Jean Kinnison Frances Howland

Messages arranged as follows

June 22	Herb Stevens
" 29	Larry Kinnison
July 6	Jean Kinnison
July 13	Unprogrammed
" 13	Stewart Kirkaldy

Jay Lapreau's request for clearness was honored.

M. & C. agree that the new Ex sec. or new caretakers should be given definite guidelines regarding responsibilities to the meeting. Hopefully we can find someone with Friends background. (Possible remuneration of $50 per week)

No further concerns we concluded

Frances Howland Clerk M.&C.

7th mo 6th Ministry & Counsel called with a period of silence

In attendance are: Jean Kinnemon, Stewart Kirkaldy, Ruth Howland, Frances Howland

Following will bring messages for

July	20	Stewart Kirkaldy
"	27	-
Aug	3	Unprogrammed
"	10	Norman Trueblood
"	17	Stewart Kirkaldy

Re- Executive Sec.

Letter received from Mark Patton expressing interest in position. Approved we answer Mark's letter while waiting for more definite clarification of his plans

F.U.M. material received re: Deaf Counselling, M & C agrees Meeting should be ready to assume this responsibility if asked to do so.

No further concerns we conclude

Frances Howland Clerk M & C

8th mo 3rd 1980 Ministry & Counsel met opening with period of silence

Present are Ruth Howland, Jean Kinnison, Stewart Kirkaldy, Helen Trueblood, Frances Howland

Matter of requirements for Ex. sec. position brought up - Joanne Lawrence an applicant for the position met with us. Ministry & Counsel went over our guide lines for this position. Agreed we keep in touch with this person No decision made.

A concern re: Quality of Meeting for worship arose. Suggested we communicate with Allen's Neck M & C re: possible exchange of speakers.

Messages Aug 24 Bob Wicker
" 31 Ruth Jennings
Sept 7 Unprogrammed
" 14 Stewart Kirkaldy
" 21 Wesley Panunzio

No further business we concluded

Frances Howland Clerk M & C

1981 9th mo 7th M-C meeting opened with period of silence.

Those present Stewart Kirkaldy, Lorman Trueblood (Frankie Kirkaldy from Property Committee)

Ministry & Council welcomed Martin and Deborah Costa who are interested in serving as caretakers for the Meeting with residence in the Parsonage.

We recommend that Martin & Deborah Costa be accepted as caretakers for the Meeting in exchange for living in the Parsonage rent free with utilities. Duties described in Jean Kinmon's letter to M.&C. (Details to be worked out.) This will be for a period of at least one year.

Messages for this month will be brought by

Jean Kinmon Sept 28
Unprogrammed Oct 5.
Ruth Jennings " 12
Stewart Kirkaldy " 19

No further concerns we conclude to meet 10th mo 5th

1980 10th mo 5th

Ministry + Council met opening with period of Silence. Those present are Ruth Howland, Frances Howland, Jean Kennison Stewart Kirkaldy, Theresa Gifford, Helen Trueblood.

Messages are to be given by -

Larry Kennison	Oct 26
Unprogrammed	Nov. 2
Stewart Kirkaldy	" 9
Frances Howland	" 16

A request received from Rosalind Cobb for transfer of membership to the Friends Meeting in No. Easton at Friends Community. M & C recommends that Mo Mtg grant her request and we commend her to the care and fellowship of the Meeting in No. Easton

Material received from F.U.M. re: advertising (no recommendation) Suggested possible use of same in conjunction with other Meetings in area.

No further business we concluded to meet 11th mo. 2nd F. Howland Clerk

1980 11th Mo 2nd

Ministry + Counsel met opening with period of silence. Those present are Ruth Howland ~~Joan Kennison~~ Stewart Kirkaldy Frances Howland

Peter Kirkaldy request membership be dropped.

Request for membership received from Augustus Kelley. Committee of Visitation named Ruth Howland & Stewart Kirkaldy

Request for marriage under the care of this Meeting received from Jay Lipman + Linda Stangel, to be Dec. 28 Clearness Committee had been named previously. Stewart Kirkaldy will write to Linda's Meeting. Mo. Mtg will have further acceptance.

Messages arranged :-

Nov. 23 Ruth Jennings
" 30 Stewart Kirkaldy
Dec 7 Unprogrammed
Dec 14 Joan Kennison
" 21 Stewart Kirkaldy

No further concerns we conclude
to meet 12th Mo 7th

E Howland Clerk

12th mo 7th Ministry & Counsel met with a period of silence. Those present: Ruth Howland, Jean Kinnman, Frances Howland

The following messages have been arranged for:

Dec 25 Larry Kinnman
Jan 4 Unprogrammed
" 11 Phyllis Brightman or
" 18 Stewart Kirkaldy

Plans for Christmas Eve program will be worked out by Stewart Kirkaldy, Ruth Howland and Jean Kinnman

Plans for the marriage of Jay Lipman and Linda Stangel are being ~~[illegible]~~ worked out under the care of Monthly Meeting

An invitation to participate in a program for Unity Sunday when all area churches will gather. A request has been made to hold this service in the Meeting House. We concur provided the space is adequate. Refer to Mo Mtg. Jean Kinnman has details

No further concerns we conclude to meet 1st mo. 4th 1981

2 Mo/1/1981 Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of worship.

Members present were Helen Trueblood, Gail Nickloy, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Ruth Howland was named Clerk.

The following were named to give message. February 15 Frances Howland, March 1, unprogrammed, March 8, Phyllis Brightman, March 15, Stewart Kirkaldy.

Helen Trueblood expressed a concern that we have more unprogrammed Meetings and not announce speakers in the newsletter.

It was approved bringing this matter to Monthly Meeting and also the possibility of a second unprogrammed Meeting.

Frances Trueblood would like to be relieved of playing the organ each week.

Stewart Kirkaldy reported on his visit with Benjamin Kelley and we recommend him for membership.

Stewart also reported Wesley Pearmain is now attending North Easton Meeting, we will wait for a definite response from him before replacing him as a Trustee.

A recommendation was brought forth that Douglas Rudolph and Myrtle White be placed on the inactive list.

It was approved Sunday School would start again in March. Gail Nickloy was named to contact Charlotte Pearmain and Cynthia Cabral about the possibility of their Children and grandchildren attending.

Stewart Kirkaldy, Helen Trueblood and Ruth Howland were named to write the State of Society Report.

No further business the meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth L. Howland Clerk

3/15/1981 Westport Monthly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of worship.

Present were Helen and Norman Trueblood, Gail Hadley, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Gail Hadley reported she had written Clarence Jennings and Grace Cabral about Meeting of that day and had received no response.

Speakers for the following month are as follows: March 22 unprogrammed, March 29 Norman Trueblood, April 5 unprogrammed, April 12 John or Ruth Jennings and April 19 Stewart Kirkaldy.

The State of Society Report was approved as read.

No further business the meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

4th mo/5th 1981 Ministry and Counsel met for business with the following members present: Stewart Kirkaldy, Gail Nixdorf and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

April 26 will be pulpit Exchange, May 3, unprogrammed, May 10, Stewart Kirkaldy and May 17, Larry Kennison, Frances Howland or Phyllis Brightman.

Gail Nixdorf brought a concern about visitation; she suggested a list be made of people who would be willing to be available if any member needed assistance in any way. It was approved bringing this to Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth Z. Howland, Clerk

5th mo./3rd/1981 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The following members were in attendance; Helen Trueblood, Gail Nixdorf, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

May 24 will be an unprogrammed Meeting, May 31, Stewart Kirkaldy, June 7, unprogrammed. June 14, Jean Kennison, June 21, Stewart Kirkaldy.

A request to be married in the Meeting House on Sept. 12, and have the ceremony performed by Stewart Kirkaldy: was received from Ann Kennison. This was approved and will be brought to Monthly Meeting.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence. Ruth Z. Howland, Clerk.

6th mo/7/1981 Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were Stewart Kirkaldy, Gail Nixdorf, Helen Trueblood and Ruth Howland.

The following speakers were named: June 21, Helen Trueblood, June 28, Stewart Kirkaldy, July 12, Frances Howland, July 19, Stewart Kirkaldy. July 5 will be unprogrammed.

Stewart Kirkaldy reported on a visit with a Friend from Nashville, who will be moving to this area and is interested in Contacting Friends Meetings.

Ministry and Counsel recommended waiting a while longer before doing anything concerning Doug Ledefer's membership.

The meeting Closed with a period of Worship.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

7th mo/5/1981 Prior to meeting for business, Ministry and Counsel met with Rosemary Burch and Peter Learow who wish to be married in the Meeting House on August 8; and requested Stewart Kirkaldy perform the ceremony.

Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Members in attendance were: Theresa Gifford, Gail Nixdorf. Helen Trueblood, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Ministry and Counsel approved the request of Rosemary Burch and Peter Learow to be married August 8. in the Meeting House, that Stewart Kirkaldy perform the ceremony and will, bring it to Monthly Meeting.

Speakers named were: July 26, Jean Kennison, August 2, unprogrammed, August 9, Stewart Kirkaldy or Robert Wicks, August 16, Lorman Trueblood.

A request was read to wire our Representative before July 8. to urge a halt to MX Funding. Suggested wording: "Because of Great Expense and danger of Arms Race Escalation.

No further business the meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L. Howland. Clerk.

9/6/1981 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were Stewart Kirkaldy, Gail Nixdorf and Ruth Howland.

The following speakers were named: Sept. 20, Stewart Kirkaldy, Sept. 27, Jean Kennison, Oct. 11, Frances Howland, Oct. 18, Stewart Kirkaldy. Oct. 4 unprogrammed.

The question of renewing our arrangement with Martin and Debbie Costas was brought up; we agreed ~~at~~ this should be brought to Monthly Meeting.

Stewart Kirkaldy read a letter he had received from a group called the Round Table; requesting the Meeting to endorse their position on abortion. Ministry and Counsel approved his request to answer this letter as an individual.

Gail Nixdorf told us Debbie and Billy are collecting clothing to be sent to Rev. Morenga in Kenya; and would appreciate any donations.

The meeting closed with a period of Worship.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

10th mo/4/1981 Westport Monthly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Present were Gail Nixdorf and Ruth Howland.

The following speakers were named: Oct. 25, Ruth Howland, Nov. 1, unprogrammed, Nov. 8, Ruth Jennings, Nov. 15 Lorman Trueblood.

Gail will be ordering some booklets from FGC and if anyone else is interested; she will send one order.

She also suggested the possibility of NEYM Peace Co-ordinator, meeting with ~~Friends~~ Friends Groups in the area.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

11th mo/1/81 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were: Stewart Kirkaldy. Gail Nixdorf. Helen Trueblood and Ruth Howland.

The following were suggested as speakers for the next few weeks. Nov. 15, Ruth Jennings. Nov. 22, Stewart Kirkaldy. Nov. 29, unprogrammed, Dec. 6, Lorman Trueblood. Dec. 13. unprogrammed and Dec. 20, Stewart Kirkaldy.

A letter was received from Nashville Meeting Commending Kit, John and Valerie Potter to the care of Westport Monthly Meeting. Ministry and Counsel recommended referring to Monthly Meeting.

We were asked to remind peoples of the collection of

Clothing for Rev. Morenga in Kenya.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

12th mo/13/1981 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were Helen Trueblood, Nell Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland and Stewart Kirkaldy.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The following speakers were named: January 3 unprogrammed. Jan. 10 Helen Trueblood and Jan. 17 Stewart Kirkaldy.

Stewart brought a suggestion that the Sunday School come in for about 10 minutes at the start of Meeting. It was approved we bring the suggestion to Joan Kennison.

No further business the meeting closed with a period of Worship.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

1st mo/[illegible]. Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened. Commenced with a period of Worship.

Present were: Helen [illegible], Earl [illegible] and Ruth Howland.

Earl brought a suggestion that we talk with Jean [illegible] before Sunday School start upon those of the [illegible] [illegible] members.

Ruth Howland was named Clerk.

The question of [illegible] [illegible] playing the [illegible] in Meeting was discussed and it was approved we postpone any decision until more members of Ministry and Counsel are present.

The following speakers were named: January 24 Jean [illegible], February 7 Stewart [illegible] and Feb 21 Ruth Jennings. Jan 31 and Feb 14 would be unprogrammed.

The Meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

2nd mo/7/19[illegible] Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel met for business with a period of worship.

Members present were Stewart Kirkaldy, Kat Potter and Ruth Howland.

The question of [illegible] was discussed further but no decision reached.

The following were named as speakers 1st of 3rd mo [illegible], 3rd mo 4th [illegible] Kinnane, 3rd mo 11 Stewart Kirkaldy, 18th 3 mo would be unprogrammed.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth E. Howland, Clerk.

3rd mo/7th/19[illegible] Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel met for business with a period of worship.

Present were [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Kat Potter and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The following speakers were arranged for the next four weeks. Mar 11 ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] Howland, Apr 8 unprogrammed, Apr [illegible] Stewart Kirkaldy, Apr [illegible] would probably be an exchange of pulpits.

Stewart Kirkaldy, Jean Kinnane and [illegible] were named to write the State of Society Report to be brought to the next meeting.

It was approved we would consult the Trustees before doing anything about the [illegible].

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth E. Howland, Clerk

5th mo/2nd/1982 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were: Gail Nixdorf, Kit Potter, Frank Lepreau, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the March Meeting were approved.

The April meeting was combined with the regular Monthly Meeting.

The following speakers were named: May 23, John Potter. May 30, Stewart Kirkaldy, June 6, unprogrammed. June 13, Lorman Trueblood.

Stewart Kirkaldy brought a Concern from Martin Costa, asking that he be allowed to remain in the parsonage; he and Debbie are having a trial separation. Ministry and Counsel approved the request.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

6th mo/7/1982 Westport Monthly Meeting, Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Present were Gail Nixdorf, Helen Trueblood, Kit Potter, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

It was arranged for the following speakers: June 20, Jean Kennison, June 27, John Potter, July 4, unprogrammed and July 11, Stewart Kirkaldy.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Frank Lepreau and Stewart Kirkaldy were named to prepare a minute expressing our appreciation for Jean Kennison's work with the Sunday School.

Kit Potter brought a Concern about Janet H and George Cairns; he is having problems at work and they may need help from the meeting. Ministry and Counsel members offered suggestions of what he might do while trying to find a permanent position; some suggestions ~~offered~~ made were; opening summer homes and working on gardens. Kit will Contact him with our suggestions.

No further business the meeting Closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

7th mo/4th/1982 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Council opened for business with a period of Worship.

Present were Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Jean Kennison met with us to ask guidance on action to take on a letter from Janice McGraw's brother. In her will she had left her books to the Meeting; after some discussion it was approved; considering the expense of shipping them, that perhaps some place in North Carolina could be found for most of them and the Meeting would accept the books on Crafts and flying.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The following speakers were arranged for: July 18, Jean Kennison. July 25. Ruth Jennings. August 8, Stewart Kirkaldy. Aug. 1 will be unprogrammed.

The Meeting closed with a period of Worship.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

8th mo/1/1982 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship

Members present were Gail Nydorf, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The following speakers were named. August 15, Robert Weeks, August 29, Jean Kennison, September 12, Stewart Kirkaldy. August 22 and Sept. 5. will be unprogrammed

No further Business the meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth L Howland, Clerk

9th mo/5/1982 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel gathered for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were: Stewart Kirkaldy, Gail Mydorf and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved.

It was approved forwarding to Monthly Meeting a request from Alchalics Anonymous for use of the Community House on a regular basis; with the recommendation it be approved.

Also approved sending to Monthly meeting a request from FUM for a contact person.

The following speakers were named: Sept. 19, Jean Kennison, Sept. 26, Lorna Trueblood, Oct, 10, Stewart Kirkaldy, Oct 3. unprogrammed.

A letter was received from FWCC asking meetings to hold troubled Kenyan (Friends) Friends in special thoughts on Sept. 19 and 26.

No further business the meeting closed with a period of Worship.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

10th mo/3/1982 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Council opened for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were: Stewart Kirkaldy, Gail Nixdorf, Kit Potter, Helen Trueblood and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The following speakers were named, Oct. 17, John Potter, Oct. 24, unprogrammed Oct. 31, Stewart Kirkaldy, Nov. 7, unprogrammed and Nov. 14, Lorman Trueblood.

A concern was brought forth for volunteers to visit with Helen Borden for a couple of hours in the evening. Approved that be brought to Monthly Meeting.

It was approved recommending to Monthly Meeting that we send for twenty (20) copies of a special edition of Friends Journal.

Kit Potter brought a concern about the rent to be paid the Meeting by A.A. for use of the Community House. Approved sending to Monthly Meeting a suggestion they pay what they can from their collection and the Meeting would make up the rent to $15.00 if their collection didn't reach that amount.

The Meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

11th mo/7/1982 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Present were: Gail Nixdorf, Stewart Kirkaldy, Helen Trueblood and Ruth Howland.

Janet Hilliker met with us to request from Monthly Meeting a loan of $150.00 to $200.00; to be used to make repairs to their car, obtain insurance and get Massachusetts license plates. The repairs are needed to enable her husband to get to his new Job in Providence; and the loan will be repaid in about six (6) months. Ministry and Counsel approved the request and the Trustees will be contacted also.

Larry Kennison met with Ministry and Counsel to recommend the name of Sean William Wynn, born 11/6/81, be added to the Junior Membership list; no request having been received from the parents Stewart will talk with them first. Larry Kennison also recommended the names of Myrtle White, Douglas Redefer, Will Frong and Andrew Kirkaldy be dropped from the membership list. Ministry and Counsel ~~to~~ approved the names of Myrtle White and Douglas Redefer be dropped. Andrew and Will will be contacted further.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved.

The following speakers were named; Nov. 21, John Potter, Nov. 28, Stewart Kirkaldy, Dec 5 unprogrammed and Dec. 12, Lorman Trueblood.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

12th mo/5/1982 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Present were; Stewart Kirkaldy. Kit Potter, Helen Trueblood and Ruth Howland.

Larry Kennison met with us to say he hasn't had a reply from Will Tronz.

Stewart Kirkaldy reported Andrew does not wish to sever his relationship with the Meeting.

It was approved Sean William Wynn be recorded as a Junior Member, the parents will make formal application.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

A request for membership was received from John Potter. Stewart Kirkaldy and Helen Trueblood were named to meet with him

The following speakers were named for the next few weeks: Dec 19, Stewart Kirkaldy, Dec 26, Jean Kennison, Jan. 9, John Potter, Jan. 16, Norman Trueblood, Jan 30, Ruth Jennings. Jan. 2 and 23 will be unprogrammed.

No further business the meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

1st Mo/2/1983 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were. Helen Trueblood, Kit Potter, Gail Nixdorf and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Ruth Howland was named Clerk.

Helen Trueblood reported on the visit with John Potter and recommends him for Membership.

The following speakers were named: January 30, Stewart Kirkaldy, Feb. 6, unprogrammed, Feb. 13, Jean Kinnison, Feb. 20, John Potter and Feb. 27, Lorman Trueblood.

No further business the meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth L. Howland Clerk

2/6/83 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were Gail Nixdorf, Helen Trueblood, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

March 6 will be unprogrammed. March 13, Wesley Pinenzie.

Stewart Kirkaldy reported Kara Cole of Friends United Meeting will be in the area Feb. 21 and 22. It was approved we join with Smith's Neck and Allen's Neck Meetings in meeting with her. Stewart will have further details for Monthly Meeting.

Ministry and Counsel is satisfied that Jean Kinnison has a sustained gift for the ministry and approved presenting to Monthly Meeting the suggestion she be made a recorded minister in the Society of Friends.

Gail Nixdorf raised the possibility of messages being recorded, with the speakers consent. Approved bringing the suggestion to Monthly Meeting.

The meeting closed with a period of Worship.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

3/6/1983 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were; Stewart Kirkaldy, Helen Trueblood, Gail Mixdorf, Kit Potter and Ruth Howland.

The following speakers were arranged for; March 20, Wesley Panunzio, March 27, John Potter, April 3, Stewart Kirkaldy, April 10, probably ~~unprogrammed~~ pulpit exchange, March 13 and April 17 unprogrammed.

Ministry and Counsel approved a request Valerie Potter be made a Junior member.

No Consensus was reached on the matter of taping messages.

Stewart Kirkaldy read a letter he had received from Christopher Stern who would like to meet with Meetings to discuss "The Christian Message of George Fox", and "The Consequences of Convincement". He has asked John Curtis to join in his travels. Ministry and Counsel approved forwarding to Quarterly Meeting as a possible program.

No further business we concluded with a period of Worship.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

4th mo/3rd/1983 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Present were. Kit Potter, Frank Lepreau, Stewart Kirkaldy, Gail Nixdorf and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Frank Lepreau felt it would be unwise to tape messages.

The following speakers were arranged for: Apr. 17, Martin Costa, Apr. 24, Norman Trueblood, May 8, John Potter, May 1 and 15 will be unprogrammed.

The State of Society Report was read by Steward Kirkaldy and approved with one change in the last paragraph.

No further business the meeting closed with a period of Worship

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

5th mo/1/1983 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Present were: Frank Leprise, Helen Trueblood, Gail Nixdorf, Stewart Kirkaldy, Kit Potter and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Speakers arranged for were: May 22, Charlotte Panunzio. May 29, Stewart Kirkaldy, June 5 the Sunday School will present a program and June 12, Lorman Trueblood.

Stewart Kirkaldy read a letter from L Frederick Allen, a Theology student at B U's inquiring about the possibility of becoming a part time Minister of the Meeting. Following some discussion Ministry and Counsel felt we did not want to change at this time and approved Stewart write and tell him we are an unprogrammed Meeting. and probably will remain so for the forseeable future. If he would like to bring a message or meet with us on some week ends we would be happy to have him.

Gail Nixdorf brought a concern about offering sanctuary. and wanted to know if each Meeting formed their own policy on the question: Ministry and Counsel approved Gail contact AFSC in Philadelphia for further information.

No further business the meeting closed with a period of Worship

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

6th mo/5/1983 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Present were; Gail Nixdorf, Kit Potter, Ruth Howland and Stewart Kirkaldy.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The following speakers were arranged for: June 26, Stewart Kirkaldy, July 3, Ruth Jennings, July 17, John Potter. June 19 and July 10 will be unprogrammed.

Gail Nixdorf read a letter she had received from AFSC, regarding sanctuary; which recommended each Meeting make their own policy, based on AFSC recommendations. The material was turned over to Stewart Kirkaldy with the suggestion it be given to Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

7th mo/3/1983 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were Gail Nesdorf, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Stewart Kirkaldy reported on the Sanctuary material, which seemed to mostly concern political refugees. Ministry and Counsel approved he go through the material further and write up a list of suggestions.

A letter was received from Mimi Lepreau Jost, requesting transfer of membership to First Friends Meeting (Church) Indianapolis. This was approved by Ministry and Counsel.

Speakers for the next few weeks will be as follows: July 24, unprogrammed, July 31, Jean Kennison, August 7, unprogrammed, August 14, Stewart Kirkaldy.

No further business the meeting closed with a period of Worship

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

7th mo/24/1983 At a called meeting of ~~meeting~~ Ministry and Counsel it was approved a loan of $300.00 from the memorial Scholarship Fund be made to Martha Glynn, of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. Also approved making a Scholarship to her of $300.00 from other funds.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

8th mo/7/1983 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were: Gail Nixdorf, Helen Trueblood, Kit Potter, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The following speakers were arranged for. Aug. 21, Jean Kennison, August 28, Stewart Kirkaldy, Sept. 4, unprogrammed, Sept. 11, John Potter, Sept. 18, Larry Kennison.

No further business the meeting closed with a period of Worship.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

9th m/4/1983 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel met for business with the following members present: Gail Nixdorf, Stewart Kirkaldy, Kit Potter and Ruth Howland.

Prior to conducting Ministry and Counsel business, other members of the Meeting joined us to hear Stewart Kirkaldy's wording for the scroll to be placed in the Meeting House, telling about the Memorial Fund.

He also presented for consideration, suggestions to be followed by the Meeting regarding Sanctuary.

M&C. Speakers for the following weeks will be; Sept. 18, Martin Costa, Sept. 25, unprogrammed, Oct. 2, Stewart Kirkaldy, Oct 9 and 23 unprogrammed and Oct. 30, Stewart Kirkaldy. Oct. 16, John Potter.

Kit Potter brought forth a report from New England Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel. Members in attendance felt some of these should be discussed at a discussion group at a later date.

No further business The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

10th mo /2/1983 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were; Stewart Kirkaldy, Helen Trueblood, Kit Potter, Gail Nipdorf and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The following speakers were named; Oct. 16, John Potter, Nov. 6, unprogrammed, Nov. 13 Ruth Jennings, Nov. 20 Lawrence Kennison and Nov. 27, Stewart Kirkaldy.

Kit and John Potter reported on Ministry and Counsel weekend at Powell House.

Ministry and Counsel approved holding Monthly Meeting on October 16.

It was reported Cambridge Meeting is working on a statement regarding sanctuary and Ministry and Counsel approved getting in touch with them when they have reached a conclusion.

Kit Potter reported Yearly Meeting would like a response to their sets of Queries on Ageing, and report back by Dec. 1. Also we are asked to have a discussion on Homosexuality.

Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel will hold a Workshop in New Bedford on Oct. 22; on Ministry and Counsel's roll in Spiritual Life.

We were asked to consider a concern from Fairfield, Maine Meeting on going back to Quaker Roots.

Some time was spent in various ways of Eldering.

10/2/83 (Cont) A request from Yearly Meeting for possible resource people in the Meeting brought the following suggestions: Ageing and Nuclear Power, Stewart Kirkaldy, Third World, Frank Lepreau and Economic Situation, Norman Trueblood.

No further business the meeting closed with a period of Worship.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

11th m / 6th/1983 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship

Members present were, Gail Nipdorf, Helen Trueblood, Steward Kieholdy and Ruth Howland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Stewart Kieholdy reported he has obtained the name of a person in Cambridge Meeting who is working on a Sanctuary Statement, and has turned it over to Jean Kennison to Contact.

It was approved we discuss the Queries on Aging at the same time we discuss the Statement on Sanctuary.

Gail Nipdorf raised a concern about the Sunday School for older Children. It was approved Stewart and Gail will discuss the situation with Charlotte Penenzi, as a large number of the Sunday School consists of her grandchildren.

Ruth Howland brought a Concern about the loud talk in the vestibule before Meeting when people are inside trying to settle down.

The following speakers were suggested, Dec 4, unprogrammed, Dec 11, John Potter, Dec. 18, Martin Costa, Dec 25, Stewart Kieholdy.

It was approved we have a Christmas Eve Service as usual.

A letter was received from Robert and Linda Gard of California asking the Meeting if we knew of anyone wanting to place a child for adoption.

No further business we concluded with a period of Worship

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

[illegible] [illegible] Monthly Meeting Ministry and Oversight [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Present were: [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

Speakers arranged for were January 2 [illegible] [illegible], January [illegible] Charlotte [illegible]. January [illegible] 23 would be unprogrammed.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by Douglas Steere. "Quotations on Faith and Practice" Leonard Kenworthy and [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Meeting and Council approved recommending to Monthly Meeting.

[illegible] [illegible] the meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Clerk

1/7/84 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship.

Members present were: Gail Nixdorf, Jean Kennison, Kathryn Potter, Stewart Kirkaldy, Frank Lepreau and Ruth Howland.

Ruth Howland was named Clerk.

Ministry and Counsel approved purchasing two copies of "Testament of Devotion".

Stewart Kirkaldy has some Quaker books and also general religious books which he will donate to the meeting Library.

It was approved we have a pre-worship half hour to meet in the Community House at 10 A M.

Speakers for the next month will be: January 29, Phyllis Brightman or John Potter, and February 12, Stewart Kirkaldy; Feb. 5 will be unprogrammed.

No further business the meeting closed with a period of Worship.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk

2nd mo/12/1984 Westport Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened for business with a period of Worship

Present were: Kathryn Potter, Gail Ripdorf, Jean Kennison, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Howland.

Martin Costa met with us briefly to let us know he is interested in attending the "Seekers Weekend" at Powell House, Mar. 9-11.

Ministry and Counsel supported his interest, and approved giving him $30.00 toward the cost of the weekend, and $10.00 toward gasoline.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Stewart Kirkaldy has received a letter the State of Society Report is due in May. Ministry and Counsel approved bringing this before Monthly Meeting.

He has also received word Jennifer Mack of Westport is to marry a Quaker from New York, and there is a possibility they may want to be married in this area. He will talk with her to get further information.

The following speakers were named: Feb. 19, Stewart Kirkaldy, Feb. 26, Jean Kennison, Mar. 4, unprogrammed, Mar. 11, Stewart Kirkaldy and Mar. 18, Martin Costa.

A letter was received from the Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting regarding a minute from Cobscook Meeting concerning the Peace Testimony. It was approved bringing this before Monthly Meeting.

The problem of people hearing speakers was raised and discussed briefly, no decision was made.

Ruth L. Howland, Clerk.

Report on Spiritual Condition of Central Village Particular Meeting

This report must be presented to and sanctioned by the local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight before it is submitted to the Monthly Meeting.

When a Monthly Meeting is composed of more than one Particular Meeting the Clerk of the Monthly Meeting should summarize the reports and keep one copy, sending another on to the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, who will send in to the Yearly Meeting Clerk a summary of the reports received from the Monthly Meetings, after submitting it to the Quarterly Meeting.

The following points should be covered by this report:

Private life of the membership, family devotions, attendance upon public worship, relation to one another and to the world, Christian work being done; the sense of personal responsibility in the worship and service of the meeting and toward the broader work of Friends as a whole; a realization of the value of material giving as a means of spiritual growth; kindly interest in the welfare of one another, calling on the sick and those in trouble, and caring for the needy; education, including Friendly and religious training; standing of the meeting in the community; co-operation with other religious activities.

What signs of progress can you note in your meeting?

IMPORTANT—At the close of your report, after the Clerk's signature, please give names and addresses of all recorded ministers belonging to your Meeting as well as resident workers. If not members of your Meeting please state to what meeting or denomination they belong.